



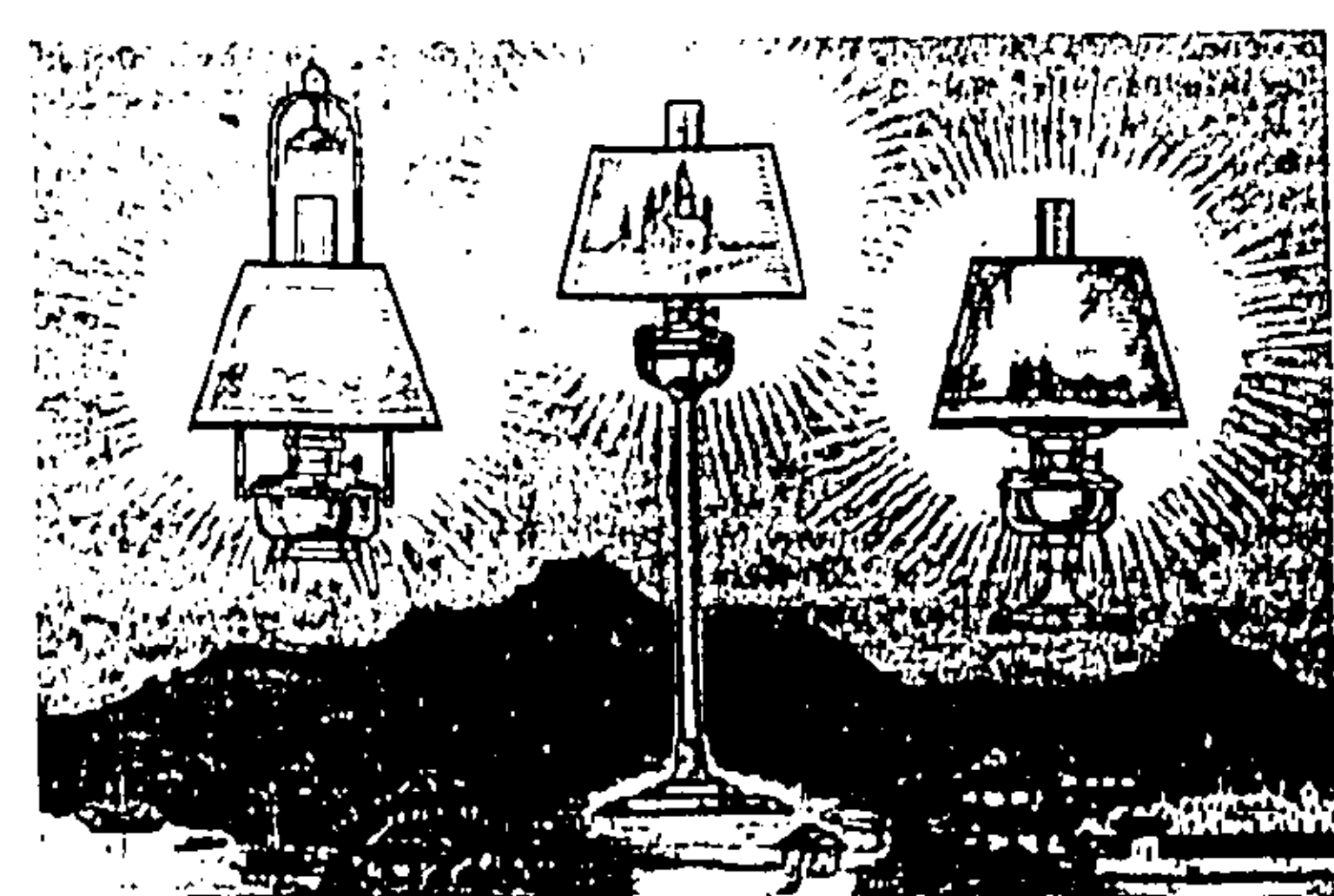
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Orient Sinking Cracks Open Hush Business

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The recent Miss Orient disaster has evidently cracked open the mysterious "hush hush" business of "give HK\$10,000 or face the consequences," and has again demonstrated the extent to which the extortionists will go in their intimidation.

Owners of river vessels plying between Canton and the Colony admitted having received threatening letters during the past few months and also revealed that the authorities at both ends had been contacted regarding necessary protection.

However, the consensus among local river shipping circles is that the onus lies on the shoulders of the authorities at the Canton end. They suggest that there should be regular patrol boats in the Elliot Passage and that troops should be stationed along both banks at reasonable distance apart to keep vigilance. Reviewing the situation, an official of a prominent local Chinese firm, which operates several vessels on this run, pointed out that such subversive activity is seasonal. During the past few weeks, with the approach of the Chinese Ming festivals (April 5) several firms had received letters from different organisations, including the People's Salvation Society, demanding as much as HK\$10,000.

Screening Process

In the earlier days, shipping firms took firm measures to screen out criminals from among the passengers. Increased demand for space was and is being maintained at the wharves at both ends and aboard the vessels. Guards have been doubled and appropriately armed.

This proved very successful with fruitful results. The official recalled the arrest, for instance, of a man who was subsequently sentenced to 1 month's hard labour for possession of 387 detonators.

Detective Inspector Cashman, when prosecuting at Central Magistrate's Court, informed the Court that shipping companies in the Colony had received threatening letters, requesting high sums with intimidation of sabotage," he said.

Seventeen pirates attempted to hold up the Kwai Shan while she was just 50 minutes from Canton at Parker Point on Barrow Island last January. The ship's guards killed four, seriously wounded two and arrested seven. The others escaped by jumping into the water.

The Kwangsi Navigation Company, owners of the former boom defence vessel, denied receiving any letters from any pirate organisation and would not connect that incident to such subversive activity.

"We have not received any letters asking money. But prior to the abortive attempt, we had information of several occasions when some pirates had travelled aboard the ship, apparently to prepare for the large scale piracy," an official of that company stated when interviewed regarding the incident then.

Several Demands

The sister ship of the Kwai Shan, Kwai Hai, which is on the Hong Kong-Kowloon route, was mined off "Three Joss sticks" in the Pearl River late in 1947. It was disclosed at that time that the company had received several letters demanding high sums. More than 40 persons, including seamen and passengers, were killed. Many were wounded.

On and off, minor local arrests were made of passengers, charged subsequently with possession of dangerous explosives, without police permission.

Another river motorship, the Kwai Wah, was also a near victim of an explosion when she was en route from Canton last February. The detonation, about

20 yards off her stern, shook the vessel, but no damage was caused.

An official declared that there had been several demands for a gold yuan for a trip to Hong Kong before the Chinese New Year. But the company officially denied receipt of such letters.

Interviewed last month regarding the operations of extortionists, officials of shipping firms with river vessels on this run retorted prevailing reports that their companies had received intimidating notes. But each remarked that he had heard of "some firms being victims of pirate organisations." They would not specify.

Usually Anchor

They added that those letters were believed to have been sent by pirates operating in the Pear River Delta area. "Three Joss Sticks" is near the Delta and usually vessels anchor there to wait for the rising tide when they are held up by low water.

A vessel of what was then described as the accidental explosion of a stray mine was the aluminium super-structure river vessel Fifth Men, which except being locked severely for a few minutes did not suffer any damage.

A ship's officer asserted that the Ming Sung Industrial Company, owners of one of four de luxe river motorships on this run, had received two identical letters requesting HK\$10,000 early this month. A week after the last letter the incident occurred. This was, however, denied by the company.

It was understood that most of the letters were delivered to the offices or agents at Canton. So far it is believed that no note has been sent direct locally.

Temporary Ban On Night Trips

A temporary ban on night navigation through Elliot Passage has been imposed by the Chinese authorities at Canton following Thursday night's disastrous mining of the ss. Miss Orient.

A message from Canton last night said that vessels leaving Canton at night have amended their sailing times to comply with the order.

Shipping companies with vessels based at Hong Kong have also been notified to avoid navigating the Passage during the night.

River vessels which left Hong Kong for Canton last night will have to anchor near the entrance of the Passage until dawn today before proceeding any further. More than 30 bodies were recovered from the partly submerged Miss Orient yesterday, according to personnel of three ships which arrived here from Canton last night.

The exact number of casualties suffered in the tragedy—although still believed to be about 100—has not yet been determined by the Canton office of the shipping company.

One Chinese warship and two Chinese Maritime Customs launches were on guard duty at the wreck yesterday.



A number of special dances will feature this year's Annual Charity Ball at the Hong Kong Rotary Club on April 8. Miss Kirsten Rasmussen (above) will dance "The Imp".

Ingenuity Of Chinese Schoolboy Revealed

The ingenuity of a 15-year-old Chinese schoolboy was revealed when he came before Mr. Blair-Kerr in the Juvenile Court yesterday charged with being in possession of arms and ammunition.

The exhibits—a 26-inch toy rifle with several rounds of hand-made ammunition—evoked much interest and admiration from several experts present during the hearing.

The boy was arrested while he was playfully shooting at some empty bottles with the gun and bullets. When asked by Mr. Blair-Kerr, the boy said that he had designed the gun and its mechanism all by himself.

From a China-made pop-gun, the boy had removed the tin barrel and fitted a piece of brass rod with a quarter-inch bore.

He then adjusted the trigger with a spring, fixing it to a hammer. There was a chamber for the ammunition, guarded by a piece of thick wire which served excellently as a safety catch.

A clear sight was also attached, giving an extremely neat appearance to a one-time cheap, ordinary toy-gun found in any shop.

The pellets were treated with equal ingenuity. The boy had empty 22 shells filled with gunpowder attracted from ordinary fire-crackers.

A piece of lead was stuffed tightly into this shell, which had a fuse at the base, also taken from crackers.

Simple But Effective

To work the gun, the shell is placed in the chamber, and a cap—of the kind used in toy revolvers—is placed at the base of the shell where the hammer hits.

When the cap is struck by the hammer of the rifle, it ignites the fuse of the shell, setting off the powder in the shell and thus discharging the piece of lead in it.

The Officer in charge of the case, said that the gun could fire accurately from a distance of about 15 feet.

He told the court that he was not pressing for a serious view to be taken because, although the gun was made with "ingenious skill," it was apparent that the lad meant no harm.

"Nevertheless, play of this nature does endanger lives of others, as much as to the boy himself," added the prosecuting officer when asking for the gun and ammunition to be confiscated.

Mr. Blair-Kerr told the boy that for his own safety he should not indulge again in similar kind of play. Defendant was bound over in the sum of \$100 for a year, and discharged.

Concert To Be Held On Friday

The Music Group of the Sino-British Club will hold its next concert on Friday at St. Stephen's Girls' College at 8.30 p.m.

Three solo artists, a string quartet and a chorus will provide a varied programme of European and Chinese music.

Liya Gurevitch, a graduate of the Gnessin Conservatory of Music in Harbin, will play piano compositions by Mendelssohn, Chopin, Liszt, Grieg and Rachmaninoff. In Hong Kong she has performed on the concert stage and broadcast from ZBW before and from Radio Hong Kong since the end of the war.

Lila Vincent, contralto, will sing a number of songs by Schumann, Hugo Wolf, and Tschalkovsky. Mr. Vincent, formerly of the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, has given a number of classical song recitals over the air since her arrival in the Colony last November.

The audience at Friday's concert will have an opportunity of hearing an interesting instrument, an ancient Chinese harp, played by an expert, Louis P. T. Chen, who is passing through Hong Kong on his way to London and Paris. He will perform two pieces of classical Chinese music.

Haydn's Quartet in G Major will be played by four members of the Sino-British Orchestra: Dr. S. M. Bard and E. R. Smith (violin), A. H. Bentley (viola) and G. A. Goodman (cello).

A group of Chinese folk songs will be sung by a mixed chorus from the Chung Hwa Academy of Music.

Tickets are on sale at S. Moutrie and Company at \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Rotary Club Charity Ball On April 9

The annual charity ball of the Hong Kong Rotary Club, planned this year to raise HK\$20,000 for the Trachoma Clinic at Wanchai, will take place on April 8 at the Hong Kong Hotel.

The Hong Kong Rotary Club plans to open a second Trachoma Clinic when the necessary funds are available.

The annual ball will be sponsored by the Governor and Lady Graham.

Included in the evening's programme will be a fashion show of the latest designs, several dance numbers by local talent, and dancing to the music of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra, conducted by F. F. Fong.

The goal set for the campaign is \$20,000, a sum required to maintain the clinic this year. Although the doctors, all Rotarians, serve the clinic gratis, funds are needed to procure medicines and to pay the nurses and clinic rent. Since its inception a year ago, the clinic has treated more than 10,000 patients free of charge.

The programme of the evening will start with the theme song "Fight for Sight," composed and sung by Mr. Menzies. A showman credited with the production of four musical comedy hits in Shanghai and Bombay, this will be followed by a large exhibition by the international team of Pachi and Linda.

Three dance numbers to be performed by the pupils of Mrs. Carol Bateman, with Miss Kirsten Rasmussen, dancing "The Imp," Miss Greta Lo "The Doll" and Miss Marie Anne Balgoin "The Sylph."

A variety of the latest fashions will be worn by models Miss H. Anderson, Mrs. A. R. H. Email, Mrs. W. E. Harper, Mrs. M. Muscetti, Mrs. P. Pike, Mrs. D. Walker, and Mrs. M. Xatun.

Attendance will be limited to 600 persons at \$25 a head, dinner included. Reservations and guests should make reservations at the reception desk of the Hong Kong Hotel as early as possible.



This is one of the 25 paintings which Miss Diana Kan will display at her exhibition on Friday and Saturday at the Gloucester Hotel. The painting depicts the Birth-day Goddess.

Artist To Leave For Europe

Miss Diana Artemis Kan, young talented artist, will leave for the United Kingdom next month by the special Solent plane which will take local manufacturers to the British Industries Fair.

Before leaving on what will be her first visit to Europe, Miss Kan will hold an exhibition of her latest paintings next Friday and Saturday in Suite 806, Gloucester Hotel.

The exhibition, at which some 25 paintings will be displayed, will be open between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Lady Graham, wife of the Governor, will visit the exhibition on the first day.

Miss Kan will take at least 60 paintings to the United Kingdom. She plans a series of exhibitions there, following which she intends to visit the United States on her return to Hong Kong. In America she will also display her paintings.

Miss Kan held her first public exhibition in Shanghai when she was nine years old. She has visited Bangkok and Macao where her paintings drew considerable crowds.

Exhibit Of Paintings

An Exhibition of Sculpture and Paintings by Mr. S. K. Chan will be held at the Hotel Cecil from Tuesday to Thursday daily between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Mr. Chan was graduated at the Museum Art School in Boston in 1922. From there he went to Paris and studied at the Academie de Le Grande Chaumiere, graduating in 1929. Still not satisfied with his work, he went to Italy and graduated at the Academy de Rome in 1931.

In 1932, on the occasion of the Second National Exhibition organised by the Chinese Government in Nanking, he went to Nanking. There he won the admiration of not only his fellow artists but also Government officials. From whom he received a number of commissions.

Among the local commissions, Mr. Chan executed the bust of Sir Geoffrey Northcote, former Governor of Hong Kong, Mr. J. D. Sios, Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, Mr. M. M. Watson, and Sir Robert Colwell.

EXHIBITION OF ART CLUB

The monthly exhibition of the Hong Kong Art Club was held yesterday at the Helena May Institute. Mr. Luis Chan, Vice-Chairman of the Club, gave a lecture on the "Background in Painting."

Among the exhibiting members were Mrs. C. Franks, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stericker, Mr. A. E. Nobbins (who did a sketch recently while in the Queen Mary Hospital), Mr. W. G. Wormal, Mr. Lee Byng, Mr. L. Chan, Miss Nancy Kwok, Mrs. I. Marsh and others.

Public subscriptions to the Hong Kong Year-Market Fund received between March 19 and 25 follow:
Mr. W. H. Coates, HK\$ 100.00
Received to March 18, 1949, \$769,467.88
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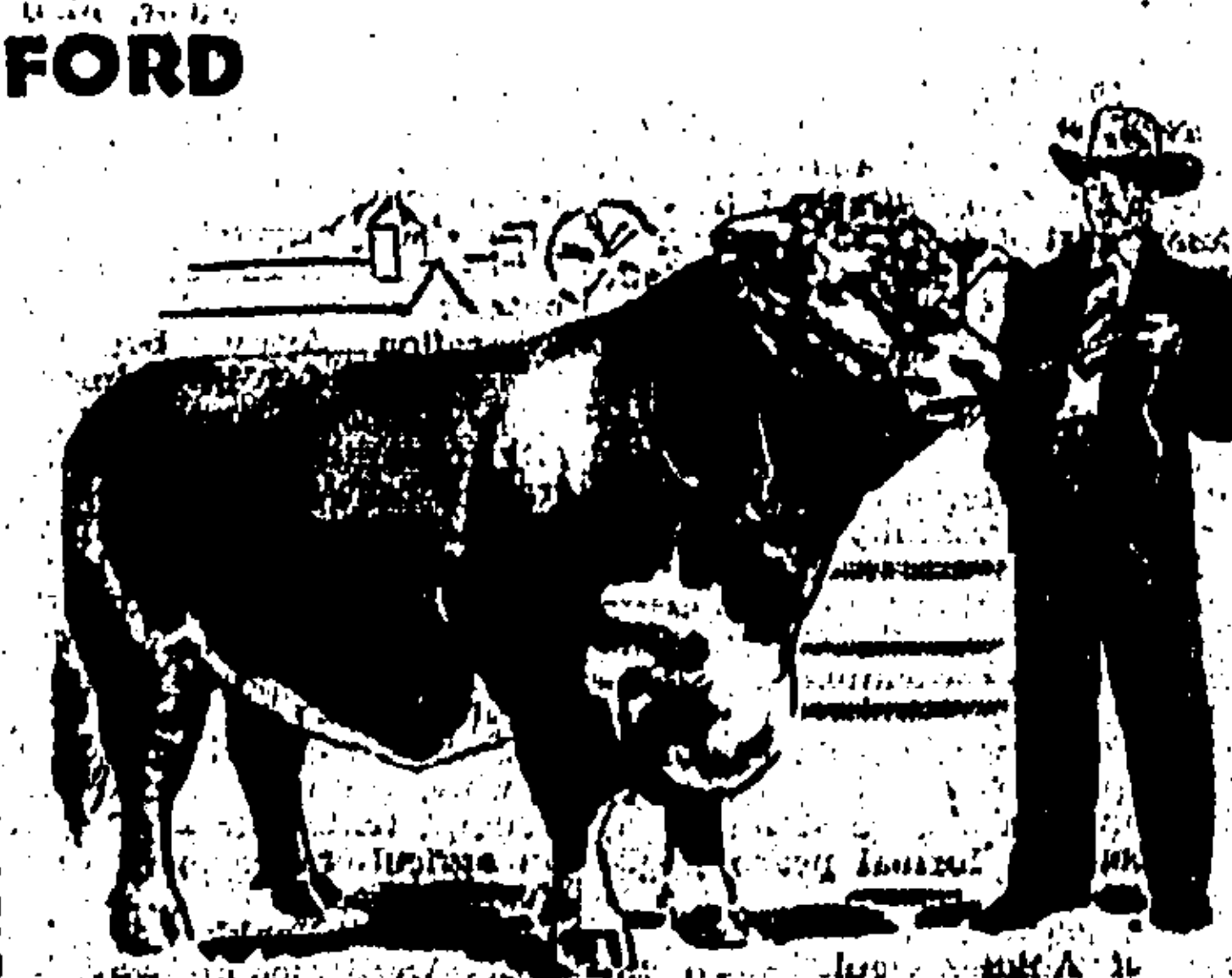
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Reconstruction Of Ferry Piers Long Overdue

One Site For Each Family

Commenting on reports that two members of the same family had drawn beach sites in the recent ballot, a spokesman of the Urban Council said yesterday that because of the large number of applicants it was not possible to scrutinize each application before the balloting took place.

He added that there was no intention on the part of the Council to allow the members of the same family to hold individual beach sites.

In the case reported they have been given one site. The remaining site is to be allotted to the person whose name was drawn as first reserve. In this case, Mrs. May Cheng.

The spokesman added that existing permits for beach sheds or sites on South Middle Bay expire on March 31. He said that, although they were permitted to remove, on or before that date, fixtures they had erected on their sites, it would be to their advantage to contact the new permit holder and, if a price could be agreed upon, sell such fixtures to them.

Names and addresses of existing and new permit holders could be obtained from the Secretary, Urban Council (Tel. 39429) to whom all sales of fixtures made should be put in writing, as all unsold structures remaining on sites on April 1 become the property of Government.

Reconstruction of ferry piers at Kowloon City and Hung Hom District on the Mainland are long overdue, said Mr. Lau Tak-po, Managing Director of the Hong Kong and Yau-mat Ferry Company, Limited, at the annual general meeting of the company yesterday.

He added that if ferry services can be resumed between the Island and the two points on the Mainland, the current severe congestion on the other ferry services will be considerably reduced.

Mr. Lau Tak-po said he hopes Government will do something to provide ferry services for the outlying districts to assist local residents and farmers to open up large areas for future development.

He announced that season tickets will be issued shortly to enable residents of Cheung Chau Island to travel between their homes and offices in Hong Kong at lower fares.

The company made a profit of HK\$193,013.21 last year and for the first time since 1941 is able to pay a dividend to shareholders.

Mr. Lau added:— "The 84,000 New Shares offered to the Shareholders for subscription at par in July 1948 have been completely subscribed and our attention is drawn to the repayment of our Bank overdraft."

"At the last annual meeting I told you that your Directors were in negotiation with the Government concerning the settlement of outstanding claims between the Government and ourselves and that as soon as a final settlement was reached, the Directors would prepare and send you adjusted Accounts showing the exact state of the Company's affairs."

Substantial Reduction

"The final settlement of matters concerning the inside harbour services was not however affected until late in November 1948, much time for such accounts to be prepared and sent you as promised. You will note from the balance sheet that an item of \$1,089,164.34 has been credited back to the Company as a result of these negotiations which is a substantial reduction in our outstanding liabilities to Government."

"The Government has agreed to bear the cost of operation of the Ferry Services from Reconstruction up to April 18, 1946, which up to that date had been operated at a pre-war tariff."

"The Company was compensated by the Government paying rentals etc., for the use of our vessels throughout the period although admittedly the rate was rather low."

"As a result of the settlement we owe the Government \$1,037,994.64, but our claims for compensation for vessels lost under requisition have yet to be settled, and settlement will considerably reduce this figure."

"We have still to come to an agreement with the Government regarding the New Territory Ferry Services; we have made provision in the accounts for the rentals in full throughout the Tsun Wan and Tsing Yi Island Services which come under the New Territory franchise cannot be operated because the Ferry Piers which were destroyed have not been rebuilt. In 1941 there were six sailings a day to Tsun Wan."

"You will be pleased to learn that on March 18, 1949 the Government has acknowledged their liability for the pre-war deposits which amounted to more than \$250,000 in addition to interest. It will now be possible for your Directors to again include this large sum in our assets in the 1949 accounts."

Further Extension

"The franchise for the main group of Cross Harbour Services expired in June 1948. The Government granted us an extension up to December 1948 and later in the year a further extension up to the end of 1949."

"It is reasonable to assume that the question of a new franchise has to be considered in London, as well as Hong Kong. Shareholders will be informed immediately should an agreement between the Government be come to."

"Your Directors, however, think it is not possible for the Company to mark time and suspend its programme for reconditioning our remaining vessels and the construction on new tonnage pending agreement. Such a policy would prejudice the Company, the Government and the Public."

"It is unfortunate that the Government has not been able to include the reconstruction of the Kowloon City and Hung Hom Piers in the 1949/1950 Estimates. The resumption of these very important services which were operated by no less than eight vessels in 1941 would certainly reduce the severe congestion on the other Ferry Services to much overdue. The resumption of these Services would also help to solve other problems."

"To meet the increased vehicle traffic which is heavier than before the war it is now necessary for us to operate a separate passenger service to Jordan Road on Sundays to carry the third class traffic to permit the main deck to be used exclusively for the carriage of vehicles."

Outlying Districts

"It is hoped that something will be done by the Government to provide ferry piers for the outlying districts. These piers would not only assist the local residents and farmers but would open up large areas for future development."

"Season tickets will be issued in the near future to enable people living in Cheung Chau to commute between their office in Hong Kong at a very much lower fare."

Present at the meeting were Messrs. T. N. Chau, Kwok Chun, Cheung Kwok-on, Li Sing-ku, Young, Tsan-dart (Directors), F. H. Losby (Representing the Company's solicitors (Russ and Co.), T. A. Martin (Representing the Auditors) and about 80 shareholders.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Directors were re-elected for the current year. The Directors recommend the year's profit be dealt with as follows:

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Ticals dropped 10 cents to HK\$24.20 a 100.

NEI Guilders were also slightly easier at HK\$32.70 a 100.

Both Sterling and Australian pounds were higher. Sterling went up to HK\$15.32, and Australian pounds to HK\$12.75.



Mr. and Mrs. Kempton after their wedding yesterday.—"Sunday Herald" Photo.

Kempton-Millard St. John's Wedding

Miss Joan Catharine Millard and Mr. Iain Kempton were married yesterday at St. John's Cathedral.

The Reverend Sandbach presided.

The bride was given away by her father, Mr. C. E. Millard. The best man was Mr. F. J. D. Cleme.

Miss Joan Kempton and Miss Joyce Crookdale were bridesmaids and Miss Kathleen Young was flower girl.

The bride wore a beautiful period gown of ivory brocade with full yoke hand-embroidered in seed pearls. Her lace-edged tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of white larkspur and ranunculus.

The bridesmaids' gowns were of ivory suede crepe with torso bodice and full, gathered skirts. The flower girl's dress was of the same material. The bridesmaids and flower girl carried bouquets of anemones.

The bride's mother wore a turquoise blue floor length gown with fitted bodice and draped skirt. Her accessories were cinnamon-coloured.

After the wedding a reception, held at the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, was attended by many friends.

The bride's going-away costume was a moss green crepe suit with brown suede accessories. It was made by Tamara May, as were the wedding gown and the rest of the bride's trousseau.

Mr. and Mrs. Kempton are honeymooning in Bangkok.

The forthcoming weddings have been announced of Mr. Alfred Charles Denis, c/o Chinese Maritime Customs, Marina House, and Miss Lee Shou-fong, of 42 Hot An Street, first floor, Shaikwan, Mr. Raymond Camille Andrine Saelet, merchant, of 18 Bragg Circuit, Kadoorie Avenue, and Mrs. Marie-Paule Turk-Payras, of Repulse Bay Hotel.

The master, Mr. John Bachs reported meeting good weather on the way up from the Starline. The Atalanti, registered at Piraeus, has 34 personnel.

A woman passenger was arrested at the Kowloon Railway Station yesterday with 30 toads of gold concealed in her body. The gold, valued at HK\$9,000, was seized by the Revenue Inspectors on duty.

The bars of gold were discovered during a routine search of passengers by Revenue Department searchers.

Residents Leave Local Estates

Local estate sworn under \$125,700 was left by Mr. William Herbert Basing Muskett, otherwise known as William Herbert Basing Muskett, Store Superintendent, late of 17 Hart Avenue, Kowloon who died at St. Theresa's Hospital on June 9, 1948.

An application has been granted to Mrs. Malise Gertrude Mosket of 128 Kennedy Road for the Letters of Administration of the deceased.

An application by Mr. C. D. Slade, barrister-at-law, on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (Trustee) Limited, for resealing certified copy of Probate of Will, has been granted in respect of Mrs. Laura Florence Campbell, who died on May 11, 1948, at Clos de Manège, Sark, Channel Island, leaving local estate sworn under \$20,000.

Local estate sworn under \$14,300 was left by Dr. Choo Tek-guan, of 103 Pechere Road, Singapore, who died at the General Hospital, Singapore, on May 2, 1947.

An application for resealing certified copy of Probate of Will has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

Mr. Albert Edward Clarke, retired Senior Inspector, formerly of 20 Magdalen Road, Hong Kong, who died at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, on April 23, 1948, left local estate sworn under \$7,000.

An application for resealing certified copy of Probate of Will has been granted to Mr. C. D. Slade.

Mr. M. D. Greiner, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ellis, Miss B. Ward, Messrs. R. N. Partridge, E. J. Davies, W. J. Gomersall, P. E. Towhill, and W. E. Julliffe were among the passengers who left by BOAC for Shanghai yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mac D. Swan and Mr. C. P. Ting left for Sydney yesterday by BOAC.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong for Singapore yesterday by BOAC were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Polson, Mr. and Mrs. Beghe, Messrs. and Mr. J. L. May.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Friday included Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Low, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Frophet, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. M. Green, Messrs. J. Reid, R. A. Sutcliffe, R. G. Buckmaster, F. J. Willard, T. Cohen, H. Dikkoren, R. A. Younger, L. Bachmann, J. Shell, E. L. Shrimson, and C. Pakenham.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday were Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cornell, Mrs. T. J. Yeung, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Messrs. N. H. Taylor, R. L. Carter, E. J. Davies, K. Lee, J. W. Gossard, and Chou Chi-sen.

The wedding took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry Office yesterday of Mr. Paul Nicolas Schlegel, missionary, of 58 Taipei Road, Shumshulpo, and Miss Gertrude Schullness, missionary, in the presence of Mr. J. H. Findley and Mr. A. Brugere.

Dr. Hollington Tong, former Director of the Chinese Government's Information Bureau, has arrived in Hong Kong from Taiwan. Unconfirmed reports said he is on his way to the United States.

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Reminders

Today

Tor H Club, classical concert, Taihat House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Inter-University sports, Hong Kong University and Lingnan University Pavilion at Pokfulam.
HK-Lingnan Inter-University annual sports meeting, Caroline Hill.
HK Art Club sketching class, members to assemble at Hong Kong Vehicle Ferry, 9.15 a.m.
Exhibition of Chinese Bronzes, Ceramics, Paintings, Fung Ping Shan Library, 11 a.m.
Talk on "Jaredom" by Dr. D. W. C. Gwynne, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
Diocesan School Old Boys Association, annual dinner, Chinese Club, Bank of Canton Bldg., 7 p.m.
Tennis Tournament, European YMCA.

Coming Events

Lingnan-HK University sports, Pavilion at Pokfulam.
Reform Club third public meeting, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
HK Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.
TUESDAY
HK Council of Women, general meeting, talk by Commissioner of Police PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.
HK Rotary Club, Ladies Day, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
HK Lawn Bowls Association, annual general meeting, SCM Post board room, 5.30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Y's Men's Club of Hong Kong, weekly luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.40 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

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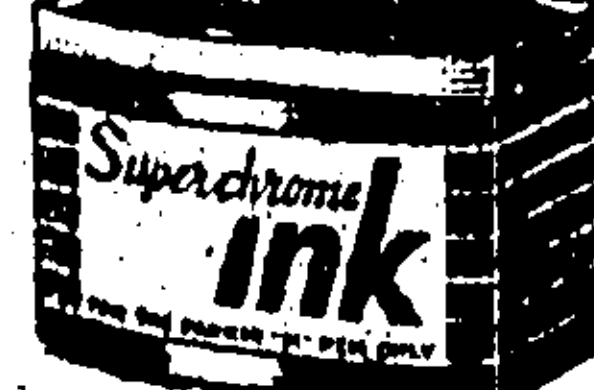
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JANUARY
(December 21-January 19)
News in next few days likely to precipitate both business and family reshuffles. Journeys planned and possibly undertaken before middle of April. End of week likely to bring curious personal adventures.

FEBRUARY
(January 2-February 18)
A week of important correspondence and possibly of journeys. Don't hesitate to go ahead with new contracts and fresh ideas. Much contention likely but prospects of a successful and happy issue to arguments.

MARCH
(February 19-March 20)
Better luck stock of your financial position right away and before you plunge into fresh commitments. Windfalls mid-week may be offset by half forgotten debts or some family claim. Journeys or letters from abroad have important effect end of week.

APRIL
(March 21-April 20)
Energetic and helpful influences prevail throughout week: it is up to you to make the most of them. Help comes from a quarter least expected and possibly through a woman friend or associate. Some danger though of misunderstandings within the family or household.

MAY
(April 21-May 20)
Though it is likely to be a week of restlessness and discontent, restrain yourself a little longer. If you attempt an important move this week, it will probably be frustrated by circumstances beyond your control. Good influences though for anything that concerns personal life and happiness.

JUNE
(May 21-June 20)
A friend introduces you to an attractive and interesting scheme but one that involves a certain amount of financial and physical risk. Worth while taking a few chances if you are hoping to distinguish yourself or acquire useful experiences. Usual income unaffected but some prospect of loss through speculation end of week.

JULY
(June 21-July 20)
Reshuffles in your affairs this week should work out well but may be disturbing at first. Travel may be necessary at short notice during first few days: end of week likely to bring some temporary financial embarrassment. Monday and Tuesday favourable for anything that needs dash and originality.

AUGUST
(July 21-August 21)
Worth while developing overseas interests or friendships with foreigners this week. News from a distance Monday or Tuesday that is likely to affect your plans over the next six months. Some temporary worry about ready cash but general outlook should be steadily improving.

SEPTEMBER
(August 22-September 22)
Your closest associate or marriage partner "strikes lucky" this week but your own plans may be at sixes and sevens. Better face up to the fact that you have to postpone your own arrangements to suit others' convenience. Nevertheless a profitable period and probably an amusing one too.

OCTOBER
(September 23-October 23)
Don't worry if this week's developments jolt you out of your usual groove, throw you into stimulating if rather odd company. Though difficult to see your way ahead, it will be worth taking both business and personal chances. Monday likely to be the most important and satisfactory day of the seven.

WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R.H. Naylor

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

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NOVEMBER
(October 24-November 22)
If you have business initiative you may start something this week that leads to more comfortable existence and more scope for your activities.

But opposition to be feared from fellow workers or colleagues and some hostility from a valued friend may develop on Saturday.

DECEMBER
(November 23-December 20)
Change of residence may be necessary in next few days or you may make some far reaching business move. A fair week for speculation though it would be unwise to take chances on Thursday or Friday. Worth while following up introductions, social contacts made on Tuesday and Saturday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27:
FOR MOST OF US: Likely to be a nondescript day and much what you make it. Probably sun influences as there are favour the sports enthusiast rather than the stay-at-home FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 4, Lapis Lazuli.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
In important matters, this year will be what you make it. If you are ambitious and anxious to establish yourself in life, then don't wait for the stars to do the work for you. There is nothing to hinder you, but you will have to make the additional effort yourself.

If, however, you are content to plod through the year without making any remarkable changes, then you will enjoy yourself, find much variety and amusement in life this year but not meet with any out-of-the-way good fortune. Your next birthday should find you in much the same circumstances that you are at the moment.

The probability is that business interests will fall into the background at any rate for the time being, and that you will develop any social or sporting hobbies that you may have. It is a good year for both activities and, if sports-minded, you could achieve something worth while towards your next birthday.

This is a mildly favourable year for investing in land or property encouraging for would-be travellers. On the whole it would be worth while strengthening existing business links-up rather than to go all out on new schemes. Your personal life is likely to be more interesting than your general affairs. A new friendship that develops in the near future is likely to become stronger with every month and to have some interesting repercussions on your ideas and existence. If still unmarried, this association may lead to marriage, but not in the near future.

MONDAY, MARCH 28:
FOR MOST OF US: It looks as though you start off with a rush this morning, most people's affairs are speeded up by some startling news of some kind. Moderately good day for business, provided you can adapt yourself to changing conditions. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pale Grey, 5, Topaz.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Restless but energetic stars are likely to make this an amusing but highly unsettled period in your life. Mercury, significator of movement, change, travel is the most predominant factor in your birthday configurations this year. Hence, it is unlikely that you will settle down for long in any one place or to anyone job throughout to whole of 1949, and during the early months of 1950 Better accept the situation and

don't tackle any scheme that cannot be completed in five to ten weeks. Yet, this is likely to be a successful and progressive year: you income will certainly appreciate more than you could have expected. Possibly Fate plays into your hands and you get a chance to tackle a series of interesting and varied, but very short-lived, undertakings.

You will move about a good deal this year and will probably go abroad. If you have to travel much, however, it will be as well not to go far by air. Your journeys are very likely to be connected with sudden changes in local or national affairs or with some scheme that links up with publicity or advertising.

Probably as a result of your restless existence, personal affairs are likely to be at sixes and eights for a time. You make a number of new acquaintances and some most valuable social links-up but at the same time are in danger of a break with a close relative or a friend of many years standing. If you value your personal happiness, be tactful and tolerant during the next six months.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29:
FOR MOST OF US: Today's New Moon follows soon after a conjunction of Venus and Mars—planets alike of success and strife. Schemes launched today have an excellent chance of doing well but don't expect them to go through without controversy. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Bright yellow, 1, Crystal.

Whether you wish it or not, you appear to be on the verge of important changes. For you, 1949/50 is likely to mark the beginning of an altogether new phase of existence. Changes, adventure, some good fortune, are all awaiting you in the near future.

It would be foolish to try to preserve the existing state of affairs. A new outlook on life will develop as a result of fresh experiences and probably new risks. "Live dangerously" might be a good slogan this year; it would certainly be unwise to worship safety.

You will probably make changes for any reason but that of profit. Yet, your income is not likely to diminish, however suddenly you may go off at a tangent or whatever new scheme you take on at a moment's notice. Your prestige and credit will also remain high.

A change of residence is certain

within the next few weeks and it seems unlikely that you will stay in any one place this year for more than a few weeks at a time. So don't plan to set up a new house or buy land, at any rate until early 1950.

Your personal life should be very interesting and happy. If now unattached, you face your heart but probably don't commit yourself in marriage just yet. But however settled in life you may feel, someone of strong and attractive personality is likely to revolutionise your ideas within the next few months.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30:
FOR MOST OF US: Misunderstandings or mislaid letters and messages may upset today's arrangements. Better attend to important details personally and leave as little as possible to others. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Golden Brown, 3, Onyx.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
All's well this year provided you know what you want and have some idea how to set about getting it. In short, success during 1949/50 comes to the man or woman who can concentrate and make clear-cut plans.

A chance to make a useful business move, get a better job or affect some helpful change, should come about between June and August. Although changes this year are likely to be attended by conflict and worry, yet they will be worth while undertaking. Don't hesitate to plunge into a new venture if it seems worth while. Your main difficulty will be to decide what are essential points and what constitute unessential details. Any difficulties you may have during 1949/50 will come from a tendency to worry about trifles.

In the major sense, your links-up this year will be fortunate ones. But you need to be very careful about employees, business associates, advisors. In anything that relates to finance, law or officials, be very wary what you do and attend to anything that matters in person.

Socially it will be a notable year and you should end it by a marked step upwards in your particular circle. Where intimate relationships are concerned, it may be a somewhat disappointing time.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31:
FOR MOST OF US: Don't be led away by the chance of immediate profits; be content to put in good work and wait a while. Most propitious for renew-

ing old associations, attending to family problems. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Sage Green, 8, Jade.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
The first few months of your birthday year are likely to bring a good deal of happiness, possibly a setback in business affairs. It looks as though between now and June you may find life expensive, lose a little ground financially. Later in the year a reverse tendency will set in and you should drift pleasantly on a tide of prosperity.

Hence it would be wise to be prudent about money and a little wary about commitments, at any rate until August. After that you will begin to see your way ahead more clearly and begin to make useful arrangements, not only for this year but for 1950/51.

If you have any prospects of inheritance, they are likely to be realised towards the end of 1949. Alternatively, an investment in land or property begins to pay well and you feel confident enough to make other such deals. It is a particularly favourable year for land development. You will renew old ties very profitably during the coming twelve months and at the same time make some interesting new link-ups. I should be possible to make good use of an old tie or, by bringing your methods up to date, to inaugurate a new period of prosperity in a long-established business.

Personal affairs should be happier than for some time past. Not only will family ties be strengthened and old friends bring comfort and help, but much could be done to cement an interesting new tie. It is a good year for marriage, particularly if your intended partner is some years older than yourself or if either of you has been married before.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1:
FOR MOST OF US: Provided you can keep on the right side of relatives and of those in authority, steady progress today. Don't spend too much time alone; evening hours particularly favourable for parties, amusement. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Pastel shades, 6, Turquoise.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
If you can be content with a quiet life and slow though steady progress you should achieve peace of mind during 1949/50. If, however, you are as ambitious as are most people based on April 1, this may seem a dull and fruitless period in your life.

It will be wise to concentrate on the personal side of affairs and to let financial ambitions slide for

the moment. If you try to make money in a hurry or take undue business risks, you will probably have a period of trouble round about August. Provided you take comfort should continue and your income suffer no serious setbacks. If you take life calmly, this should prove to be a year of engrossing new interests that become more important to you as time goes by. Indeed, there is a definite likelihood of a hobby taken up this year turning into a source of income in time.

It would be worth while cultivating social tolerance during the coming year, particularly if you are in close touch with prejudiced but influential and helpful people. A break with someone highly placed in your circle or who has influence to use on your behalf, would be most inadvisable just now. The danger period here would be the first half of August.

The more you have to do with new friends and young people, the better this year. If still young and unmarried, then it might be worth while to consider settling down. But if this birthday find you thirty or more, don't be persuaded into arranging your personal life until after your next birthday.

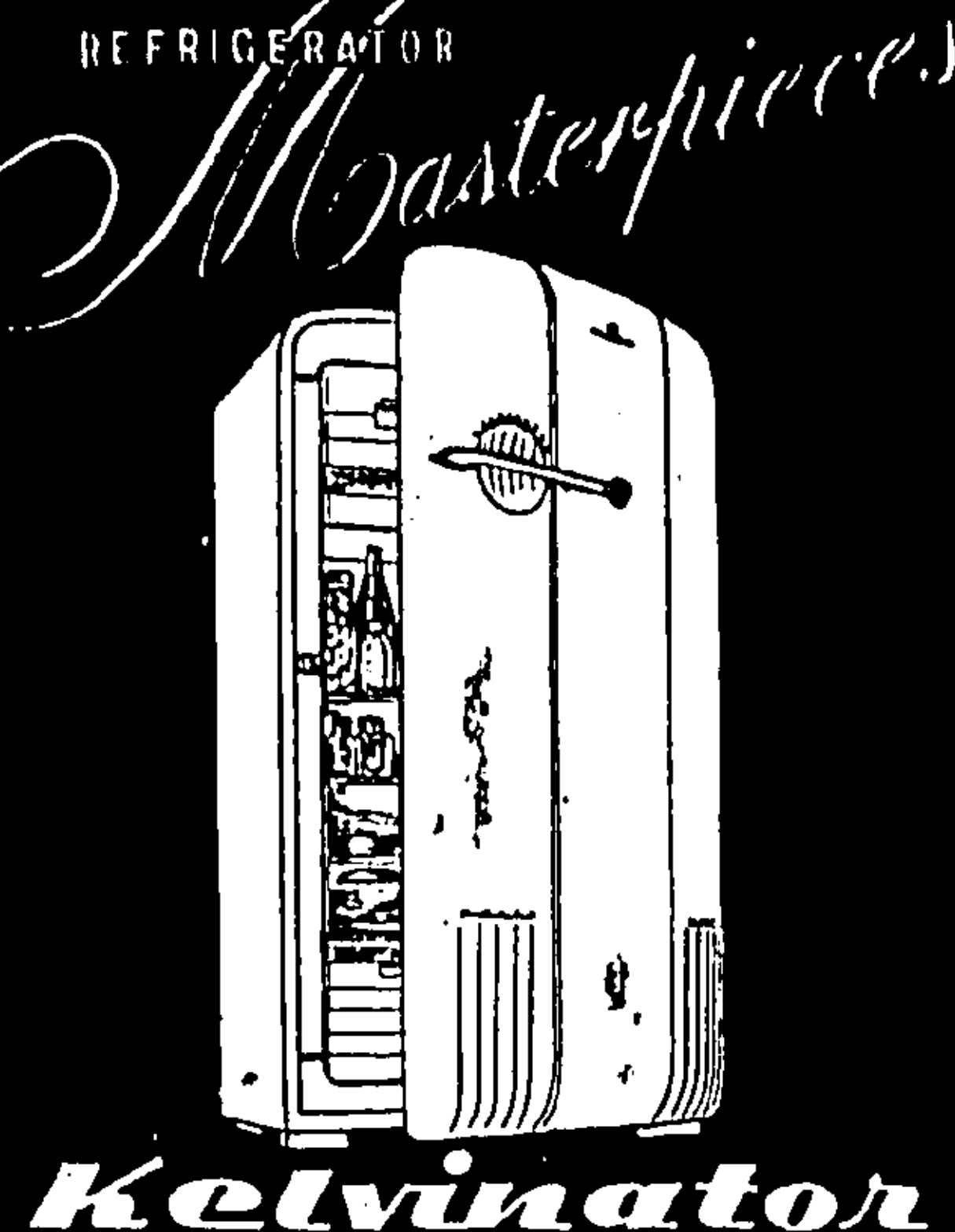
SATURDAY, APRIL 2:
FOR MOST OF US: Propitious for money-making and for social climbing, provided you can shed a few prejudices and forget past mistakes. Don't hesitate to spend money on hospitality, entertainment. FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE: Royal purple, 3, Amethyst.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST:
Although on the personal side, 1949/50 holds some serious problems, yet financially all looks bright. However, worried you may be during the coming 12 months, you should certainly be able to make money. Socially, too, there are glowing prospects this year.

Any worries you may have will centre round older people, family life, old debts. Property holdings or commitments may also be a cause of anxiety, particularly during September and October. There is some prospect of a bereavement among the older members of your family circle. These particular troubles are likely to cause a certain strain upon your pocket but from other points of view the business and financial indications are very sound. Money comes in not only through appreciation of existing investments but possibly through legacies and certainly through increase of business or promotion.

In business you may not be able to break away from long-standing associations and commitments of some years ago but in personal and social affairs, try something new, the chances of success in a new social or political link-up any time this year are very high....

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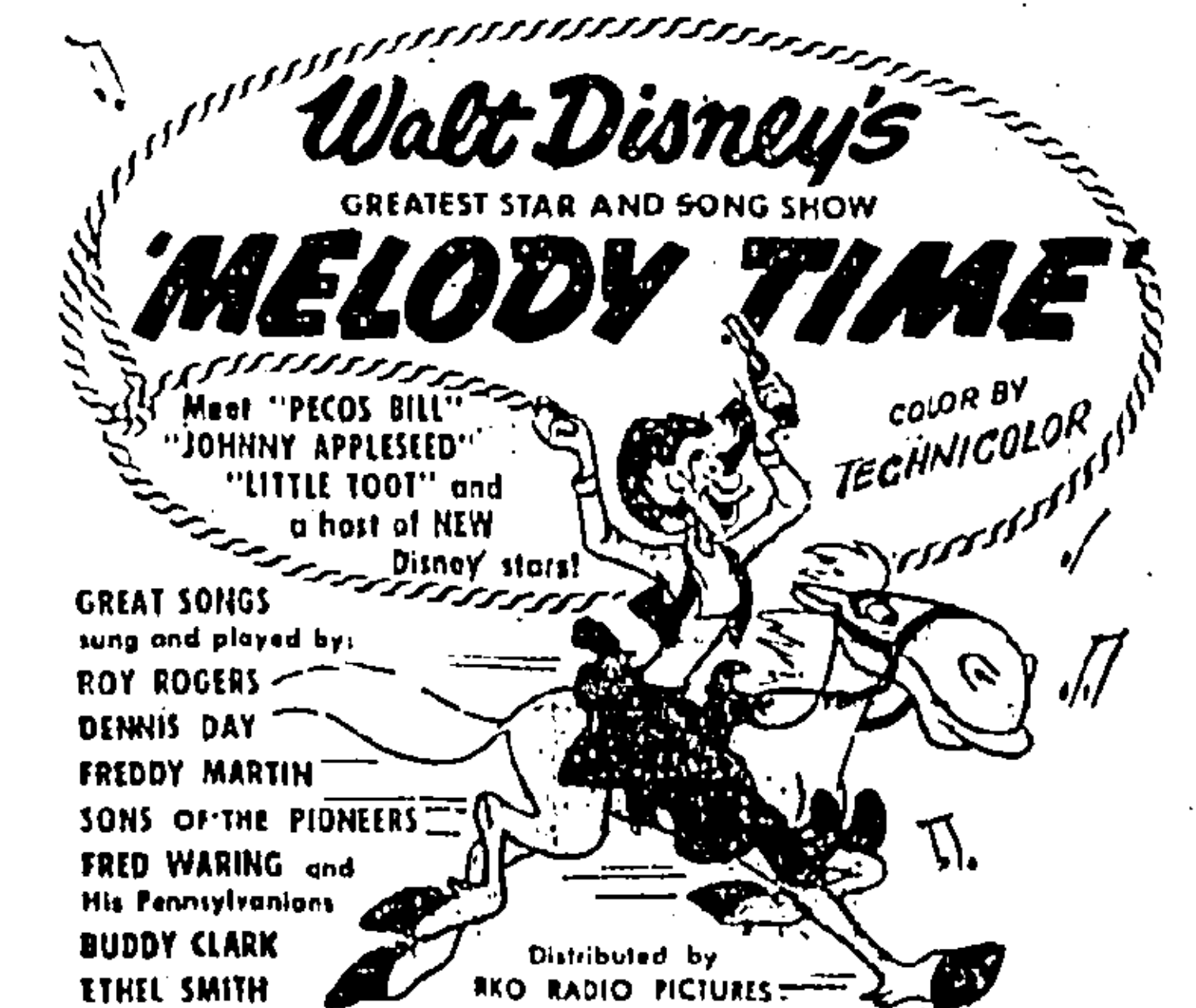
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India To Call Fresh Talks

London, March 26. India is planning to call another conference of Asian powers with the idea of developing co-operation in their defence, economic and foreign policies.

The idea of extending the area of possible co-operation to African countries like Egypt and Abyssinia, and Pacific states like Australia and New Zealand, is under consideration.

India is stressing that any regional project should be within the United Nations framework. — Associated Press.

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11.30 a.m. Programme Summary.
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3.30 p.m. News, Weather Report and Programme Summary.
4.00 p.m. A Popular Concert.
4.30 p.m. The News.
5.00 p.m. Programme Summary.
5.30 p.m. Weekly News-Letter. (London Relay).
6.00 p.m. Songsters Cavalcade. First Kerebel with Doreen Lavender, Stephen Mantion and Orchestra under Anton.
6.15 p.m. American Organ and His Wife. def. Austria Hotel Orch. Carmen Castillo. (Croatia).
6.30 p.m. World News and News Analysis. (London Relay).
7.00 p.m. "London Ahead" A Review of the Week's Programmes. (Studio).
7.30 p.m. "Time for Music" New Michael Light Orchestra by Gilbert Vinter. (BBC75).
8.00 p.m. "From the Editorials" (London Relay).
8.15 p.m. Interlude.
8.30 p.m. Songsters Concert. J. C. Birch. (Studio).
8.45 p.m. "Kismet" by John Austin. Adapted for Broadcasting by H. (London Relay).
9.00 p.m. Symphony Concert. Concert J. C. Birch. (Studio).
9.15 p.m. Symphony in B Flat Major. Philharmonic Sym. Orch. of New York. (Studio).
9.30 p.m. 15 Minute Op. 47. (Studio).
9.45 p.m. Radio News Report. (London Relay).
10.00 p.m. Weather Report.
10.15 p.m. Symphony Concert. (Cont'd) Brahms. Symphony No. 1 in C Minor. Op. 68. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
10.30 p.m. Epilogue Conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach. (Studio).
11.15 p.m. Weather Report and Close Down.

London, March 25. The weekly "New Statesman and Nation" today condemned the idea of a Pacific pact as being conducive to war and an ineffective answer to Communism.

In a lengthy article entitled "West and East," the weekly discussed the visit of special British envoys to the Commonwealth capitals and commented: "The timing of their visit was clearly dictated by the rapidity of events in Asia."

The article asked: "Is it their object to stem the tide of revolution or is it to recognise the urgent need of a great social change and seek ways and means of friendly co-operation?"

On the prospects of such an alliance, the article said: "The idea of a Pacific defence pact is not a constructive policy and it is no answer to the appeal of Communism. It gives only an impression of panic."

U.S. Failure

The "New Statesman and Nation" said: "If any proof were needed that military aid cannot defeat Communism, it is found in the complete failure of the American policy in China."

It said the present concentration on the Pacific pact only en-

BRITISH CENSOR TO GO

London, March 25. The House of Commons, by 70 votes to 37, today approved in principle a private bill seeking to free the British stage from the censorship which has been imposed for more than 200 years.

But its future is considered to be problematical. The Home Secretary Mr. James Chuter Ede, said the Government is neutral, but he personally is against it.

The bill, which was given a second reading on a free (non-party) vote, will, he said, come up against a number of fundamental points when it is later discussed in detail.

If the present censorship is removed, provision will have to be made for reasonable objections to be brought before whatever court has to consider the matter.

The difficulties which this bill would create were at least as great as those created by the present system, he said. — Reuter.

The agency report printed yesterday concerning the Academy Award to Miss Jane Wyman for her performance in the film "Johnny Belinda," erroneously stated that she had taken the part of a blind girl. In point of fact, the role was that of a deaf.

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Warning To Australia

Melbourne, March 25. Mr. Richard G. Casey, Federal President of the Australian Liberal Party and former Governor of Bengal, issued a warning here today that a harsh handling of Australia's immigration policy could force India to take a firm stand on behalf of the Asiatic peoples.

He said that the provocative harshness shown in several small, unimportant cases recently had not passed unnoticed in India and other countries on the Asiatic mainland.

"The vast majority of Australians want to maintain the essentials of our traditional immigration policy," he declared. "This could be done without provocation and without pinpricks. — Reuter."

King Knights His Surgeon

London, March 25. King George VI today knighted Professor J.R. Lennard, the distinguished surgeon and authority on surgery of the nervous system, who operated on him on March 12.

The King also knighted the professor with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order—the person Order bestowed by the King for services to the Royal Family.

The operation on the King was the cutting of a nerve to improve the blood supply to the right foot. — Reuter.

Talks On Austria Dragging On

London, March 25. The Big Four Foreign Ministers' deputies today continued their discussions of Article 16 of the Austrian draft treaty, which deals with displaced persons and refugees in Austria.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. George Zarubin, who was in the chair, said the Soviet Union had never been in favour of forcible repatriation of refugees.

The delegates then discussed Article 16, which reads that Austria undertakes to take all necessary measures to complete the (voluntary) repatriation of displaced persons.

The British delegation objected that the Western powers want the working of Article 16, which reads that Austria undertakes to take all necessary measures to complete the (voluntary) repatriation of displaced persons.

The British delegate, Mr. James Majoribanks, said he thought the omission of the word would be more likely to distort the Soviet position.

The American delegate, Mr. Sam Rober, said that until this article is clearly worded, it will be open to misinterpretation. He read it out without the word "voluntary."

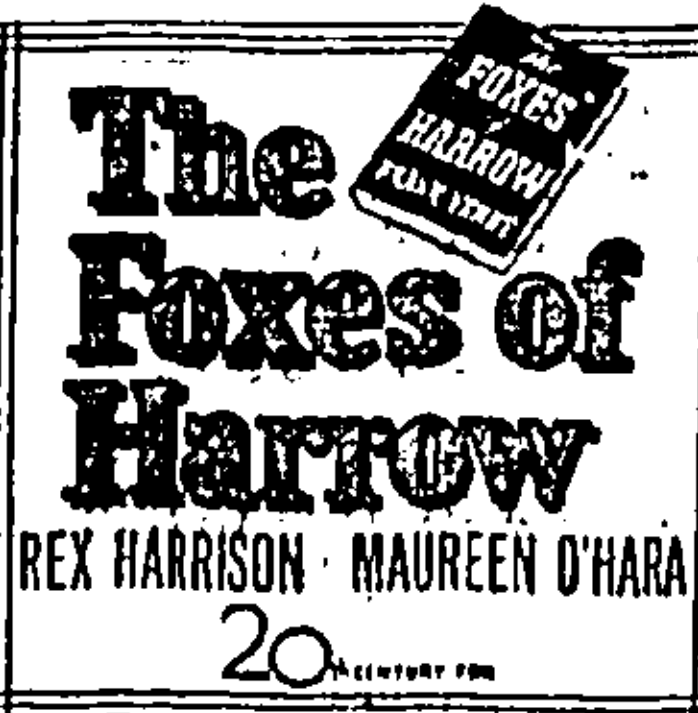
He said he assumed the Soviet delegation is no longer pressing a proposal they had made which forbade Austria to give relief to persons hostile to their own country and unwilling to return to it.

M. Marcel Berthelot, for France, said the deputies appear to be agreed on the principle of voluntary repatriation. He thought the word "repatriation" by itself was not enough and should be made more clear.

The deputies adjourned until Monday. — Reuter.

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PATRICK CAMPBELL'S PIECE

I wake up with a start in the middle of the night. No fire. No explosion. What has caused this sudden revival of consciousness?

I ought to be asleep. I was, too, a moment ago—dreaming quietly of being chased by an elephant through a quagmire of that grey, slippery stuff that comes out of bathroom pipes.

But it cannot have been Jumbo that jerked me back to life. He and I have been over the ground too often.

It must be something else. I can hear the sound of singing! The robust sound of choral singing, strangely loud in the silence of the night!

"Oh—I'd like to get you on a shore boat to Chinmah All to myself, oh-oh-oh."

Who can thus be giving tongue about a dozen of them—when the Sandman should have been in his grip?

No Curtains

I open the bedroom window and look out. It's coming from a flat close by. They've forgotten to draw their curtains, and a blaze of light streams out.

So does the slow boat to China, louder than ever. There's a soprano, and a couple of tenors, and four or five other voices, who've come along just for the ride.

I close the window tightly, pull down the blind, and get back into bed again.

I know exactly what they're doing. They've passed beyond the stage where conversation is enough.

They've told one another their life histories, inserted several incidents, partly fictional, the publication of which they are

going to regret in the morning. They have recounted, briefly, the brutalities of former husbands and the unthinking selfishness of earlier wives, and then they've gone over all the other people they know with a rake.

They sit now, in a warm glow of mutual admiration. But how to give expression to this feeling of well-being? I know—we'll have a couple of bars of a song. It begins quietly. Tottie has a voice. She thought, seriously, at one time of doing something with it, but never seemed to have the time.

Tottie's best number—fairly firmly fixing Tottie's age—is called "Love's Last Word."



Spoken, Cherie, and Tottie sings it for them, forgetting a couple of lines in the middle, but getting through it splendidly with only one alteration in key.

Good Old Arthur

The echoes of Tottie's voice have scarcely died away before Arthur—good old Arthur—throws himself into an imitation of the tenor Ink Spot singing.

"Bless You, For Being An Angel!" They all join in. Their eyes are closed, and their heads are thrown back, and the sound of their own voices seems to be the most beautiful music in the world.

(I press the pillow tightly to my ears. The time is just 1.15 a.m.)

We are now going to pass through three separate and distinct stages.

(1) They are going to begin forgetting the words.

This means that several of the voices will content themselves with hiccups, but in order to make it more fun they'll have a bash at a bit of harmony.

While this is in progress I go and sit in the bathroom, which has no window, but is, on the other hand, very cold. I return to bed in time for:

(2) The inability to remember any more songs.

They've been through the Hill Parade back as far as 1940 but the choir is becoming disordered. Two of them are working on "The Little Dutch Mill," several of the others are busy with "Teresa," while Tottie is out on her own with a self-imposed encore of her favourite number.

The time is 2 a.m. It's actually two o'clock in the morning, and I'm sitting bolt upright in bed, tearing the sheet to pieces with my hands! But we've got another hour to go. We have the final, and worst, stage, still to come.

(3) The old songs are the best. They've suddenly discovered "Nellie Dean," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Down by the Old Mill and Bush."

They sing them very slowly, clinging tenderly, desperately, to every note, and then they sing them all over again.

I've a good mind to ring up the head porter, and tell him to put a stop to it. But the only trouble is this.

We had a small, informal gathering of our own one night last week. Sung a couple of songs, as a matter of fact. I gave them "Trees."

The head porter himself appeared not too pleased, just as I was drawing breath for "... poems are made by fools like me..."

We had to pack it up.

Telephone call from a lady asking me to come round and see her. She said she had a paragraph that she rather thought I'd like to use.

Shot round at once, of course, mad keen.

She received me at the door. Very nice, too.

"I've typed it out for you," she said, and handed it over. Real service. I read it:

"It was such a lovely sunny Sunday morning that I hurriedly boiled my egg, cut some hasty slices of bread and margarine, threw them into a bag, and caught a Green Line for the country. It passes my place en route for Sussex, and I was lucky to get the last remaining seat. I was by myself, and as the bus sped along in the sunshine I was dreaming quietly, and decided my last-minute decision to take the air had been the right one."

With Confidence

I took a quick look at the lady. She was watching me calmly—almost with confidence, I thought.

I read on:

"Suddenly, behind me a shrill voice talking to her little girl rent the air with, 'I'd like to smack her in the jaw, I would, she's keeping us from getting our meat.' I turned round and smiled as if to show my approval of this edifying outburst, and she caught my eye and added, 'Look at that!' Passing her Sunday paper for my inspection, I found it was Senora Eva Peron, in a large white tummy trimmed with lilies-of-the-valley which was causing the disturbance on this glorious sunny morning."

"As we sped along among blue skies and warm sunshine, there were the February lambs, a dozen of them in a field, with Mama Mutton carefully guarding her young. Off went the Cockney again. 'Ow, ain't they lovely, never seem 'em so teeny, teeny, lovely little lambs.' She couldn't keep her mind off the meat ration. Strange it was to find her visiting the same convalescent home in the country, so we renewed our acquaintance again later in the day, as I was calling my boiled egg."

"Could I," I said, after a moment, "see the next page?"

I wanted to find out what happened when they renewed their acquaintance. I thought it might pull the whole thing together.

"The next page?" said the lady, puzzled. "That's all there is. I thought you'd be able to use it. It's rather in your style."

"Oh," I said, "I see. Well, thanks awfully. Thank you very much. Very kind indeed."

When I got home I found a letter had come for me. Opened it eagerly.

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WHAT THE CHINESE PRESS IS SAYING

Wah Kiu Yat Po: There is a dispute concerning the true character of the North Atlantic Pact. However, one thing is certain: The Pact will strengthen the position of the Western European nations against Soviet Russia and other Communist States.

Obviously, the conclusion of the Pact is a result of fear that the falling of Europe into the hands of Soviet Russia will menace the security of America.

The Pact can also be regarded as a measure against Soviet Russia (at a time when the Soviet and her allied nations are still not consolidated) to eliminate the Communist menace.

One result of the Pact, contrary to expectations, will be the acceleration of war preparations on both sides.

Possible reaction of the Soviet to the Pact will be continuance of her peace offensive to obtain the support of the peoples of the world, particularly the masses and intensify the political struggle of the Communists in different countries.

The Soviet perhaps will also attempt to form an alliance of the other Communist States.

Her military strength in today 10 times her peacetime strength and an enormous budget has been voted for military expenditure.

American has refused to talk peace with Soviet Russia. Instead, she has entered into a series of pacts against Russia. There is no doubt that the Pact is designed for the purpose of an aggressive attack, not for self-defence as it professes to be.

Did not Japan make similar declarations and at the same time attack China?

The Pact is also a convenient tool with which America can interfere with the internal politics of other nations. The Pact in reality is an American attempt to unite the principal capitalist states of the world for aggression.

Pacific Pact

Wen Wei Po: President Quirino of the Philippines and Dr. Wellington Koo, China's Ambassador in America, are clamouring for a Pacific Pact similar to the North Atlantic Pact.

America is concentrating on the Atlantic Pact. Therefore, it is doubtful that she has made any attempt to form a Pacific Pact.

Geographically, Egyptian nations are easily united. But, being widely scattered and differing in politics and economy, Pacific nations are not so easily united.

In Western Europe America can easily force her terms and wishes on Britain, but in the Pacific, acceptance of American leadership by Britain is not assured.

India and Australia have adopted a reserved attitude toward the proposed Pacific Pact. Nehru obviously has his own designs. He wants India to become an anti-Communist centre.

Australia has made it clear that she will not tolerate Japan's participation in a Pacific Pact. At the same time, she insists on the conclusion of a Peace Treaty with Japan. This necessarily requires Soviet participation. It is Australia's intention to exclude Japan

from the proposed Pacific Pact even after she has signed the Peace Treaty.

These trends go to show how numerous and complicated are the questions relating to a conclusion of a Pacific Pact.

It is necessary for the Eastern nations to be awake. Only through vigilance can the wild dreams of ambitious war makers be swept away.

World Domination

Ta Kung Pao: The North Atlantic Pact is an anti-Soviet Pact preparing for war. It is an assertion of America's ultimate aim—world domination.

More than half of the unprecedented high American budget for this year is devoted to military purposes. With the conclusion of the Pact, America will spend a further US\$2,000,000,000 in military aid to the Eastern Countries.

The Pact in our opinion violates the United Nations Charter. It sets up rival camps outside the U.N.O. It is no more than an alliance of the multi-millionaires of Wall Street, Western European imperialistic countries, fascist Portugal and Spain, Greek Royalists and politically backward Turkey. On moral grounds it cannot be defended.

Mr. MacDougall

Wah Kiu Yat Po: The Governor's announcement that Mr. MacDougall is shortly to retire from Government service is as unexpected as unhappy.

Mr. MacDougall's distinguished and meritorious service will not be easily forgotten by the general public.

Since his arrival here in 1930, he has held various posts, most of which were closely connected with the welfare of the Chinese community.

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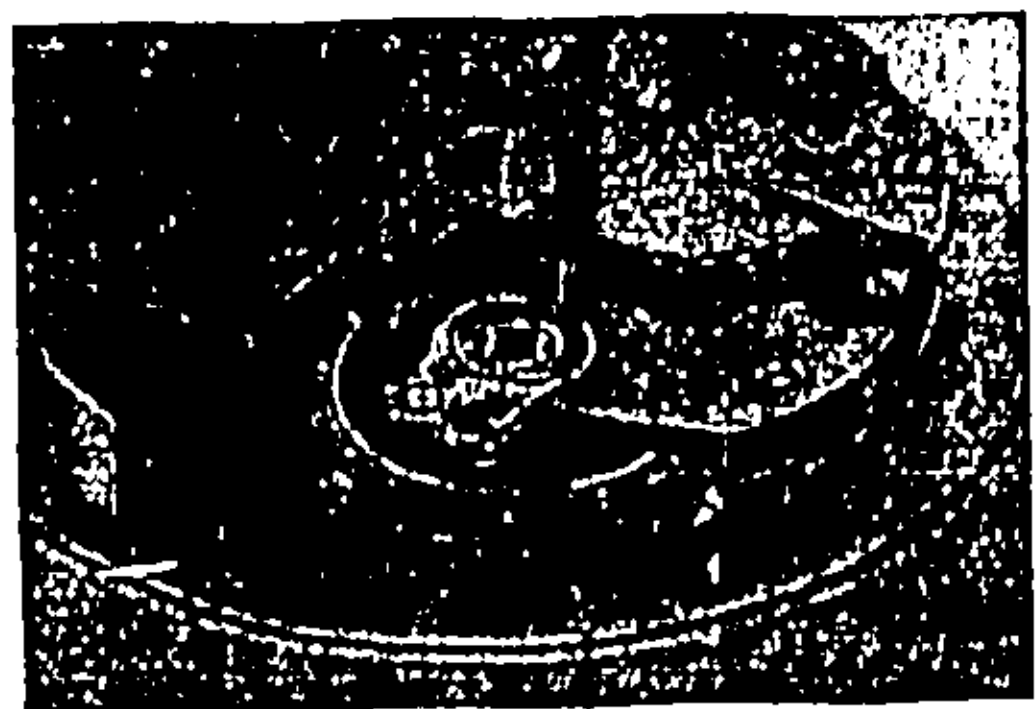
THE INCASTAR WATCH ERNEST BOREL

For a year or so, horological circles have been repeatedly astir through innovations of certain watchmakers. Among these, the manufacturers of ERNEST BOREL chronometers did not fear breaking deliberately a sacrosanct tradition by resorting to utterly new ideas and methods, with a view to improve the adjustment of their watches. The controversies they have aroused, duly confirm that old and modern folks are ever at open feud: How difficult for anyone to be a prophet in his own country! They also stress the laudable vitality prevailing in the technique of watchmaking which seems to disclose an interesting and unexpected evolution towards improving the adjustment of watches serially manufactured.

As a matter of fact, in the last few years appeared watches without index-regulators. Some of them had been definitely better of all means for easily and quickly checking the daily rate; others we refer here to ERNEST BOREL Chronometers and Watches—were fitted with a special balance including movable or bendable masses permitting, when radially displaced, to secure slight discrepancies in the period of oscillation of the balance. The leading horologists in Switzerland and in France have closely studied the new device; on several occasions they published in the trade papers, the most interesting timing results obtained with such regulatorless watches. Thousands of Rating Certificates delivered by the Swiss Official Controlment

added Mr. Defosse, would have the advantage to allow of touching up the adjustment in two different ways: the adjuster would operate on the balance and the repainer on the hairspring.

Now, a like organ precisely constitutes the improvement adopted under the name of "Incastar" by ERNEST BOREL Chronometer-makers. It appeared in the nick of time, just when expected. The "Incastar" was lately devised by Mr. F. Marti of La Chaux-de-Fonds, the well-known inventor of the INCABLOC. This ingenious contrivance, which we have also often designated by the term "roller stud" is, indeed, a stud comprising two rollers which safely and jointly squeeze the



The INCASTAR device swings around the cock, which makes it easy to set the balance to beat-point without removing the cock.

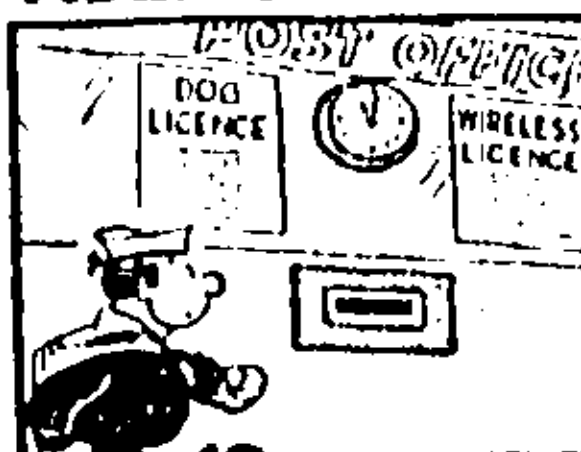
Offices for the Observation of Watches, to ERNEST BOREL chronometer-makers, further enhance the unquestionable advantages realized through eliminating the curb-pins which constitute an everlasting source of trouble and unsteadiness in the running, chiefly in wrist-watches.

However, as there is no rose without a thorn, that somewhat drastic solution of the problem, also betrays a dark side, as it impedes an easy adjustment of the daily rate. Indeed, we are bound to acknowledge it is already asking much of a repairer, or even of a skilled watchmaker abroad, to make him perform a thorough checking of adjustment, along with milling the balance-screws or adding washers, just for a mere alteration in the daily rate. Displacing the movable masses or projections around the balance-rim also means an operation rather delicate and complicated to execute by a watchmaker having no experience in the new system. Therefore, despite of the immediate advantages that manufacturers could find in the absence of curb-pins, it has been thought advisable to take into account the opinion of watch-retailers who, fearing difficulties later on, were not overwilling to urge the sale of watches devoid of regulators.

As Mr. L. Defosse, formerly Principal to the Horological School at Le Locle, explained in his article on "The balance without index and regulating" published in No. 3, 1946, of the "Journal Suisse d'Horlogerie," the ideal solution does not consist in eliminating the index-regulator, but lies in any organ "securing a tense grip of the hairspring while permitting the squeezing point to be displaced lengthwise." Mr. G. A. Berner, Principal to the Bienné Technical School is of the same opinion. The aforesaid solution,

Should a watch-dealer or repairer happen to be started at a novelty likely to involve a complicated mechanism or unusual device, the INCASTAR, on the contrary, will reveal great simplicity, both in structure and handling. This invention embodies really so great an advantage that no such interesting improvement has been seen in the technique of horological engineering for the manufacture of serial watches.

ABLE SEAMAN



By HOLT



Your life and Mine

by IRIS ASHLEY

In a Conservative Women's Report, the Tories set out to confuse the suggestion that they have nothing to offer the women of Britain.

One year ago—in the exact terms of reference—a special committee of men and women was set up by the Rt. Hon. R. A. Butler, M.P., with the Rt. Hon. Malcolm McCordale, M.P., as chairman, to undertake investigation into the economic and social conditions affecting women in the home, in industry, and in the Government service, and to make a report.

This committee, comprised of both men and women, have been asking questions and carrying out personal investigations, seeking information from organizations and individuals of all income groups throughout the country.

"They claim that in addition to the old trouble of 'equal pay for equal work,' they have uncovered many discriminated anomalies which discriminate between men and women, anomalies left over from the 19th century, when women were not considered responsible citizens."

Here you have one of the key notes of the report. The committee say that whereas the housewife is undoubtedly due for more attention, it is impracticable to legislate for women as separate from men.

The anomalies must be corrected, or a very adequate rea-

son openly stated as to why they are not; but what affects the housewife must affect her husband and children.

Therefore the report is not a feminist document. They don't want a "Housewives' Charter," implying that women should be considered separately.

The report asks for a future wherein all citizens are equally protected by law, with equal rights and equal responsibility for the voting population of both sexes.

One point which is of special interest to women, however, is that the committee are convinced that scientific efforts in labour-saving devices have been directed too much towards industry and not enough towards the home.

Home the Corner Stone

The home is admitted to be the corner-stone of a nation's internal life; but the old adage "A woman's place is in the home" was true simply because it took for ever to do the job. Modern science should make that cliché patently absurd.

The report stresses the need for equal responsibility, which must be the natural sequel to equal rights. Let me quote a member of the committee, Mrs. Eccles, wife of the rather rebellious T. E. Eccles, M.P. for Chippenham, Wiltshire, and a mother of three children:

THE BALKAN POWDER BARREL

By KEITH BUTLER

Keep your eye on the Balkans during next month. World War I was not the first or the last international blaze to be touched off by sparks from the Balkans "Gunpowder Barrel". Behind Yugoslavia's denunciation of the Greek and Bulgarian Communist Parties for plotting to dismember her there is quite a lot of heat. And Moscow is blowing on the smouldering brands of friction.

So watch out for a Balkan blaze-up! It may be difficult for us and the U.S. not to be involved in stamping out the fire. And the theatre in which we clash seriously with Russia might be a surprise one in which, on the face of it, we have less at stake.

The Macedonian question is an old bone of contention, dug up by Russia again and again as a lever in her policy of expansion on to the Aegean and the Mediterranean. The drive towards a warm-water port is one of the policies in which Russian and Communist Russia have shown perfect continuity of purpose — and method.

The method has always been the promotion of an independent Macedonia, comprising chunks of Greek, Bulgarian and Yugoslav territory, and including Greece's second largest port, Salonika. Greece and Yugoslavia have most to lose by this. Russia would control the new State.

The present accusation, launched by Mr. Moshin Pijade, Vice-President of the Yugoslav Praesidium in the newspaper "Borba," is based on the Greek Communist Party's announcement that a new "Independent People's Re-

public of Macedonia" comprising Greek, Bulgarian and Yugoslav Macedonia, is to be proclaimed shortly, at a Congress of the "Greek Liberation Front."

"Greater Macedonia" is the old dream of Imperialist Russia, the first step in the Slav drive to the West and onto the Mediterranean.

Russia has an even stronger immediate motive in setting up an "independent" vassal Communist state in Macedonia. Recent developments in the Kremlin, culminating in the replacement of Molotov by Vishinsky with Gromyko as Deputy Foreign Minister, plus the recent Soviet "Statement on the North Atlantic Pact," the determination of their position in case of war with Russia by the various Communist Parties in countries all over the world and recent purges within the Cominform, all indicate an intensification of the struggle against the Western Powers.

Weak Link

In her new front against the West, Yugoslavia is a weak link and a danger. There are several indications that the first Russian step in her renewed and intensified offensive against the West will be the elimination of Tito and the consolidation of her Iron Curtain front.

There are persistent reports of strong Red Army concentrations in Bulgaria not far from the Yugoslav border. All the Cominform states—even impertinent Albania, in spite of being cut off from the rest of the Slav-Cominform block—have been steadily increasing their verbal attacks on Tito over the radio and in the press.

HALF-WAY HOTEL

There were 308 people of 17 different nationalities in the hotel. They were the most bored, irritated, inquisitive collection of people anywhere in the world.

The hotel Terra Nostra has only 91 rooms and some had to sleep on armchairs. In 17 languages they were asking: "How long before we get away?" And they were all getting the same answer—"When the weather improves."

The hotel Terra Nostra is on the island of Santa Maria, in the Azores. It is no more crowded today than hundreds of other airport hotels all over the world. For in winter the world's air liners are facing delays of two, three, four and sometimes more days—waiting for the weather.

By
Walter Hayes

But, oddly enough, bad weather is today doing more for international understanding than the United Nations. While the passengers wait to fly to their destinations, naturally enough they get together.

Chinese travellers explain their civil war to Australians. Americans explain Dr. Gallup to the French.

Britons explain the Labour Government to everyone.

In Terra Nostra the other day everyone was learning that Faith, Hope, Charity, plus lots of patience, are the only maxims for winter air-travellers.

Luckiest of all was the rabbit, wearing black knee boots, a long black coat and a homburg hat. He had been delayed three days. His plane had finally taken off on a Friday, and the rabbit explained it was against his religion to fly on that day.

They left him behind, but the plane got only half-way to New York and had to turn back. Finally the rabbit took off with the other passengers again.

Mr. Morrissey, Eire's Minister for Commerce, sat in a corner in the hotel playing patience. He was on his way to New York for the inaugural trip of an Eire transatlantic steamer.

"I explained," he said, "that I couldn't spare the time to go by boat."

In another corner of the lounge three G.I. brides were learning about America from a Pan American Airways pilot.

Lord Stamp, Professor of Bacteriology at London University, was talking medicine with two doctors. All three were on a medical mission to the United States.

Oceans like these really tax the captains and crews of the grounded aircraft. They find themselves having to explain unpleasant times a day why it is impossible for the aircraft to fly — that headwinds can lengthen a trip by two hours, that a pilot's fuel safety margin depends on fair weather or a half load.

Air hostesses had themselves becoming nursemaids to hordes of infants—and having to smile through it all. "It's much harder," said one British South American Airways captain, Captain Murray Deloford (former Wimbledon tennis player), "to be a pilot on the ground than in the air."

It is not thumping the drum to say that in such a situation Britain's civil airline crews emerge with full honours. A man who has already explained unpleasant times that he is sorry he had to return after flying for nine hours needs to be a diplomat.

But when you do take off again you know all about the crisis in Indonesia, the American elections, the native problems in the British West Indies and the crisis in Palestine. You can hold your own in any company.

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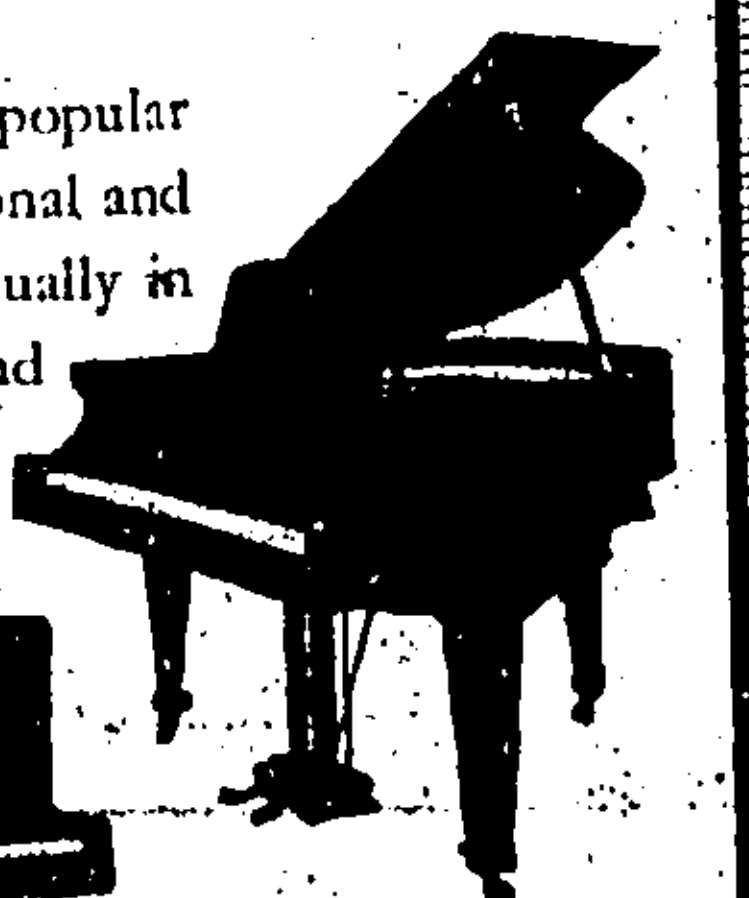
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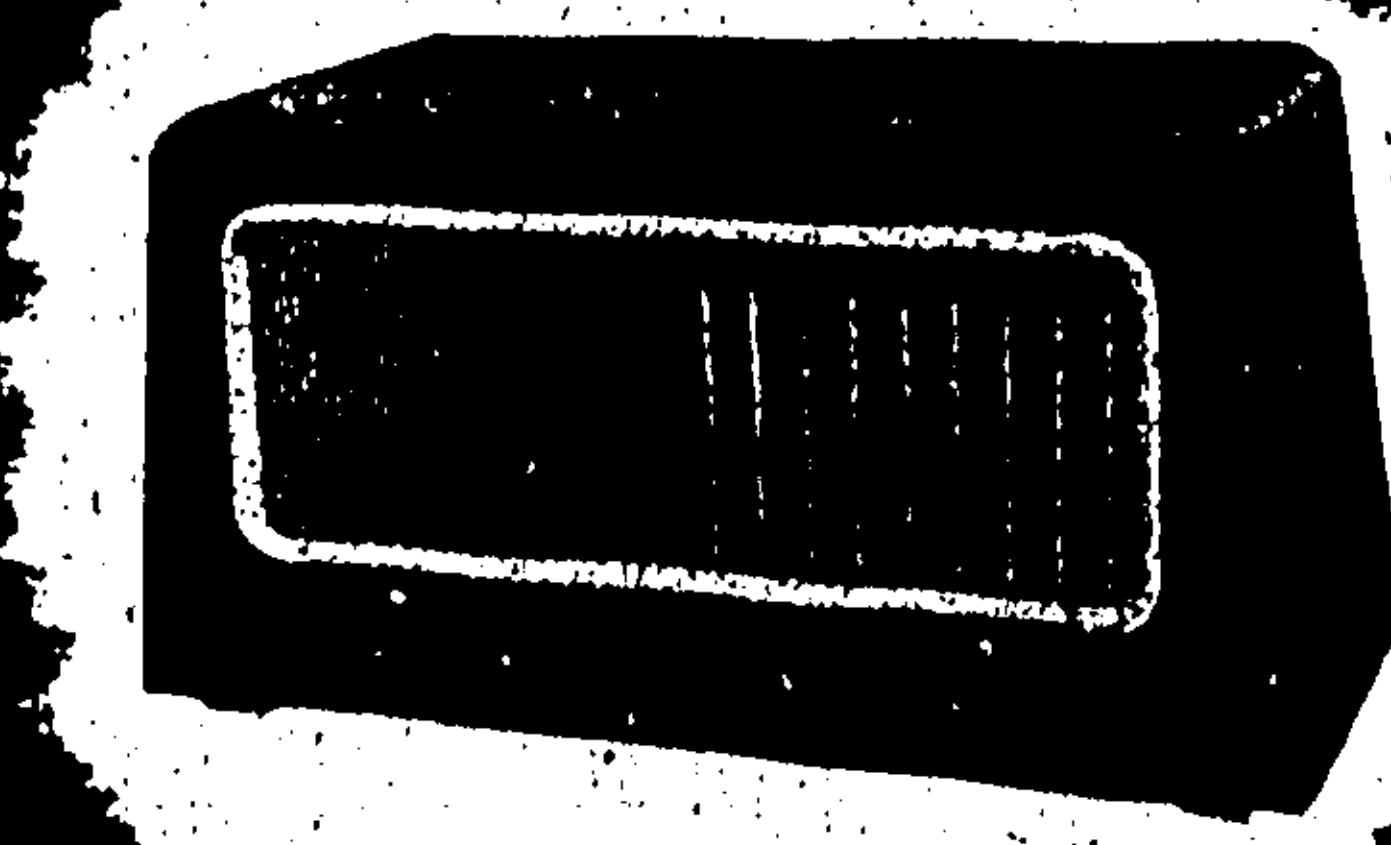
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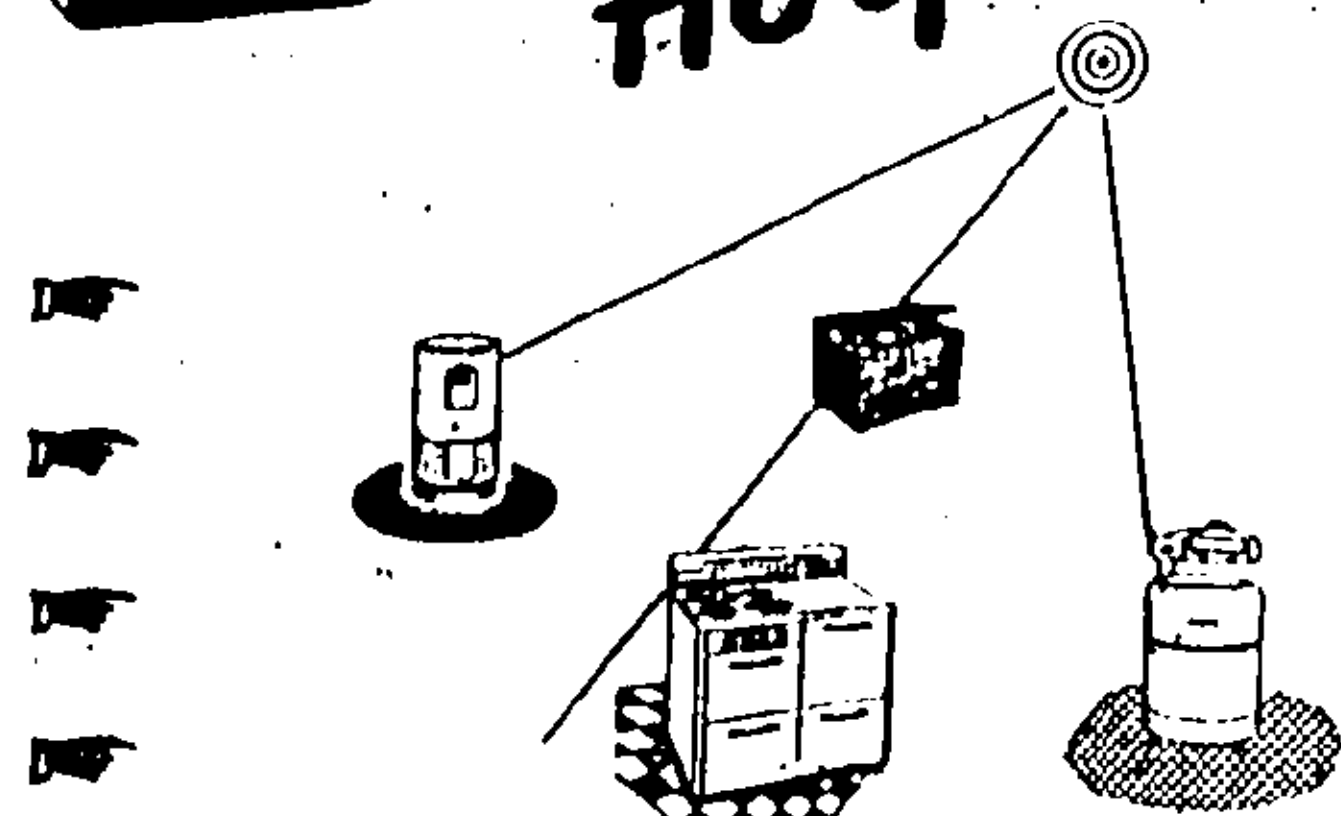
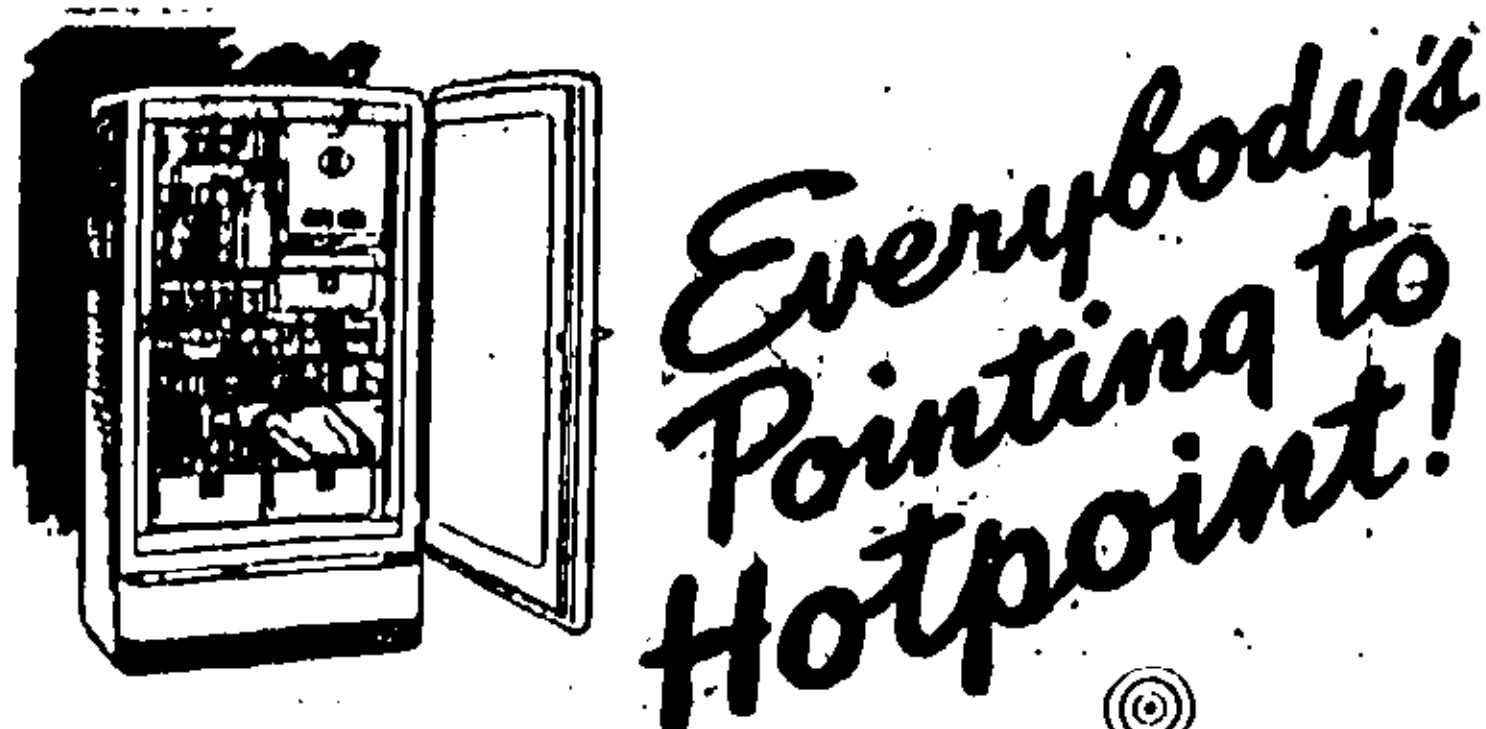
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BIG SUM PASSED FOR RECOVERY: MONEY FOR CHINA

Washington, March 26.

The Economic Co-operation Administration yesterday approved the heaviest volume of Marshall Plan aid in more than a month. New recovery spending approval of US\$42,716,000 was announced.

Seven European countries, Western Germany, China and Korea receive additional aid which swelled to US\$4,884,310,000 the total global recovery spending approved to date by the ECA.

More than US\$36,000,000 of the new funds are reserved for purchase in the U.S. of wheat, cotton, petroleum and flour.

Largest approval is the United Kingdom's US\$10,032,000.

China receives US\$10,000,000 for new purchases of raw cotton. This is offset partially, however, by cutbacks of US\$902,000 in the previous authority to finance ocean freight shipments.

Korea receives US\$1,152,000 for American iron and steel mill materials, industrial machinery, railroad equipment and metal working machinery.

France receives US\$3,080,000 with some funds earmarked for purchase of copra from the Philippines.

The ECA reduced by US\$1,500,000 its prior authorization to French North Africa for purchase of American peanuts and Philippine copra.

The bill, which goes to the House, provides that the money shall be available for the period ending February 2, 1950.

It also provides that until the appropriation is actually made, up to US\$50,000,000 may be advanced by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as a loan. This would be repaid from the appropriations when made.—Associated Press.

Shipment Of War Goods To Russia

London, March 26.

Britain will soon tighten its ban on shipments of potential war goods to Russia and her satellites, official sources reported last night.

They said many borderline commodities, which might possibly be used for military purposes, will be added to the list of materials whose export already is forbidden to Communist-dominated countries.

The reported British move was disclosed after Republicans in the U.S. Senate called for tighter restrictions on East-West trade.

They criticised a House of Commons statement by Harold Wilson, President of the British Board of Trade, that Britain's trade relations with Russia are guided by considerations of economic advantage.

British officials said the more drastic restrictions were based on confidential schedules of goods which the U.S. thinks should not go to Communist-dominated countries.

The schedules have gone to the 19 countries receiving U.S. aid under the European Recovery programme.

One official said British trade with Eastern Europe would be affected seriously if the schedules are enforced.

Informal sources said that several ERP countries, notably Sweden, have objected to the U.S. proposal.—Associated Press.

Viennese Doctors For Ceylon

Vienna, March 25.

Nine Viennese doctors are leaving Austria shortly for Ceylon to help reorganise the island's medical services.

Dr. Walter G. Wietemeschke, head of the Ceylon Government Medical Department, who is at present in Vienna arranging a selection of Austrian doctors, said today that the doctors will go to Ceylon on three-year contracts.

They will spend part of their time in Colombo, helping to reorganise hospitals and teaching Ceylonese doctors, and part in the provinces reorganising rural medical services.

In addition, they will carry on normal practices. The nine doctors were selected from over 300 applicants. Several of them will take their wives and families East with them.—Router.

Atomic Bomb Defence Test In Channel

London, March 25. Europe's Western Union powers are expected to co-operate with Britain in atomic bomb defence tests in the English Channel this summer.

An official announcement is likely soon. The tests, which will be the first of their kind in Western Europe, will also be the first important combined exercises of the Brussels Treaty powers' armed forces.

On March 8, Mr. John Dugdale, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, told the House of Commons: "We are planning a radiological survey to check the penetration of gamma rays into a ship under an attack by atomic weapons."

It is expected that the tests will be on a wider scale than Mr. Dugdale's announcement indicated.—Router.

Worst Police State Outside The Soviet

Sofia, March 25.

The Bulgarian Communist chief, Georgi Dimitrov, has built himself the tightest police state outside the Soviet Union. And he is still working on it.

The dictator who, according to Western diplomats here, rouges his cheeks and paints his mouth black to give an appearance of youthfulness and vigour, is trying to create a miniature model of Soviet Russia.

Moscow-trained and a confidant of Stalin, Premier Dimitrov, aged 66, preaches that only by maintaining the closest ties and greatest reliance upon Russia can Bulgaria survive and prosper. He has decreed that anything running counter to this must be smashed as "a direct danger to our people's Democracy".

He has outlawed Nationalism, like Tito's in Yugoslavia, as "treason to the Soviet Union."

In Dimitrov's Bulgaria all things Russian are held up as good and virtually all things British and American are condemned. Dimitrov tells Bulgarians: "Britain and the U.S. have from the first been antagonistic toward our people's Democracy."

Legislation such as the projected new church control law is designed to sever remaining ties with the West.

By Western Allied estimates Dimitrov has about 400,000 men—unarmed and civilian—under arms in a population of about 7,000,000. The Government refuses to give figures on armed personnel as a state secret.

The reason given for keeping a force of more than 300,000 armed civilians is "protection of our people's Democracy against subversive elements."

There is also a uniformed state security police generally called the Militia. It does the Gestapo secret policing.

The Militia's standard equipment, except for traffic police in the cities, is rifles. Western Legion officials say this force also has tanks, automatic weapons and artillery.

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PICKETS CHANT PRAYERS

New York, March 25.

Hundreds of pickets sang patriotic songs and prayed as they marched outside the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel today in protest against the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace, opening inside tonight.

Crowds estimated by police at 6,000 encountered the demonstrators, who at times numbered about 800. The pickets marched up and down, carrying draped flags of countries now behind the Iron Curtain.

Inside the hotel, the foreign delegates to the conference sessions were holding a news conference. The three-day "World Peace" sessions have been described by the State Department as a soundings board for Communist propaganda.

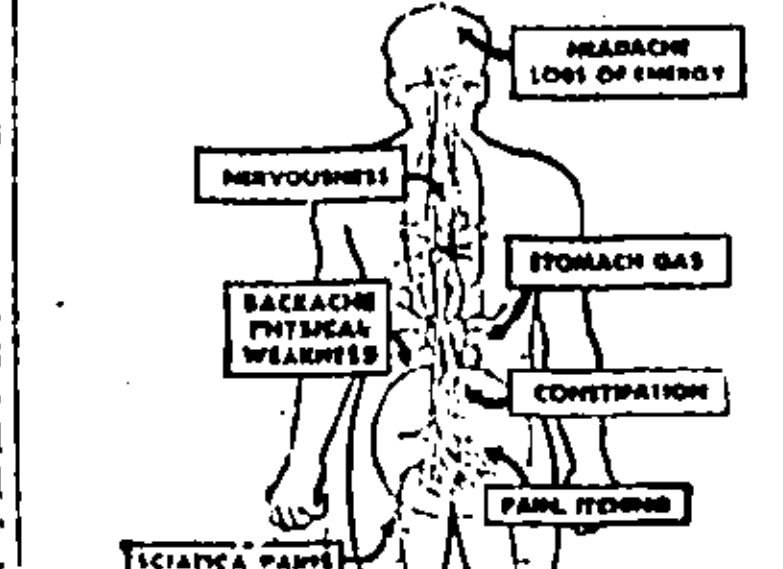
A woman led the pickets in singing the Star Spangled Banner and others chanted a prayer.

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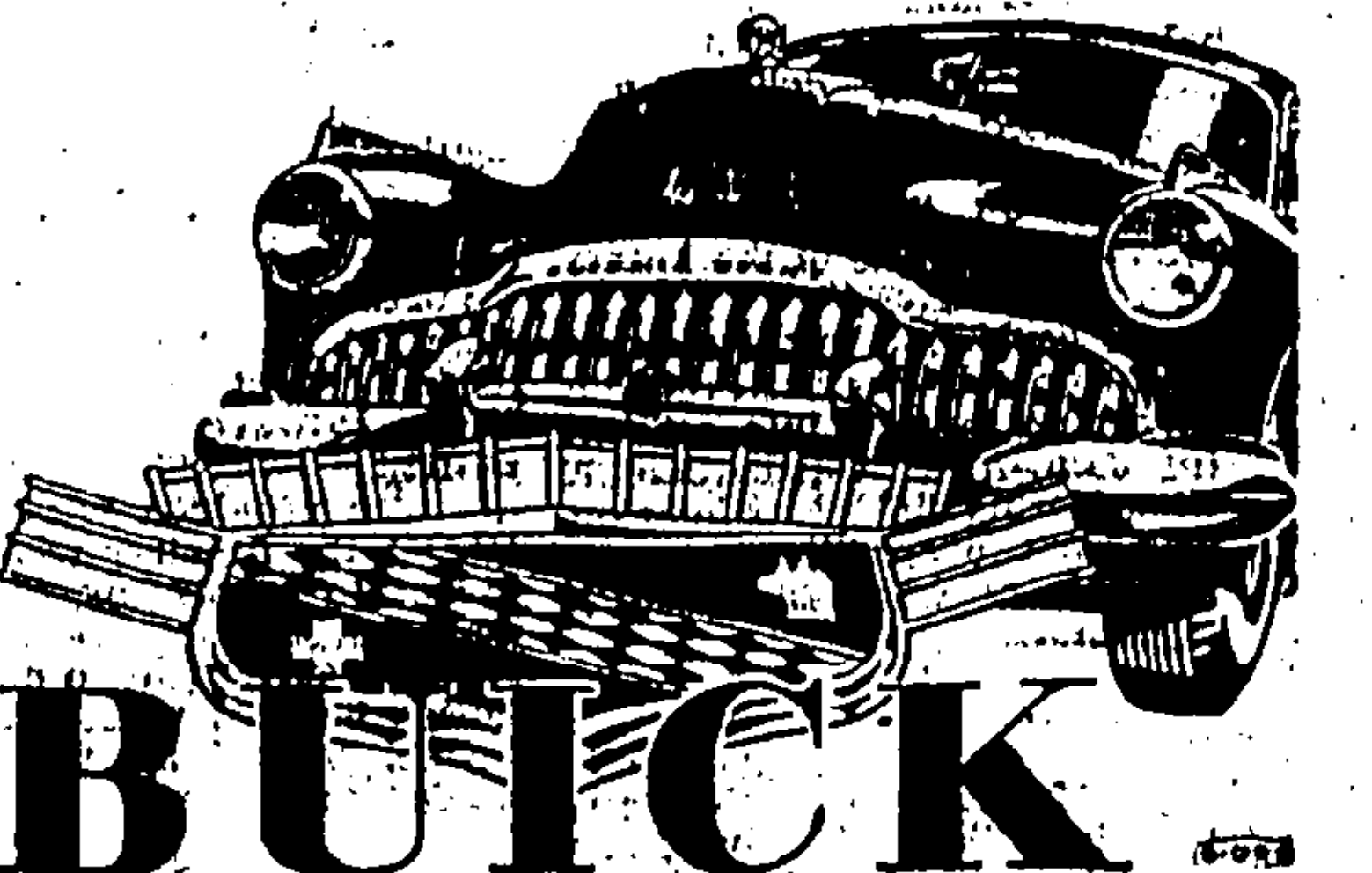
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Behind The Political Scene:

OUR NEW ROLE IN WESTERN EUROPE

Gallup Polls have gone some-what out of fashion of late. At any rate, I have not seen that any inquiry has been conducted to discover what the public think of the Atlantic Pact.

But it would probably be safe to say that the proportion of people having no opinion of it at all would be found to be scarcely larger than that having never even heard of it. And of those who have heard of it, many would suppose it to be some new arrangement between Mr. Rank and Mr. Eric Johnston.

Public Apathy

The apathy which the public displays about matters of defence should arouse almost as much concern as the situation outlined elsewhere on this page today. Nobody in the democratic West wants another war. But at the same time nobody seems very anxious to seek the best possible means of preventing one.

At every election we have to be reminded of our own Second World War. The people of this country will never forget the terrible cost of a war which marked the inter-war years of "Very much."

But it is the people's failure to do those things which the ordinary citizen has most quickly forgotten, and a repetition of the most terrible can that he is now himself committing.

The "Times" at least do feel guilty about their failure to take adequate measures to prevent the "Times" from being a "Times" of the future.

Grim Lessons

Meanwhile, Mr. Churchill's brilliant analysis of the actual state of the world, of every party and every head of the government, of the people, which have not changed.

There has been a lot of talk recently about the Welfare State and of the determination of the electorate to use their vote to retain the Government which will give them the greatest number of paternalistic social benefits.

A nephew of Mr. Churchill, a Mr. Giles Russell, has won praise for his diagnosis of the current electoral mood. He spoke of the people's grateful awareness that in the Socialists they had rulers and representatives who really "cared about them."

One might have supposed that they would have gone out of their way to discover if these rulers were taking all possible "care" to prevent a war which would soon blow their wings, spectacles and dentures to smithereens.

The Government, unlike a tyrant, National-Socialist Administration has neither offered nor made a choice of guns or butter. But just as it cannot distinguish between butter and munitions, so it cannot distinguish between effective and ineffective expenditure on defence.

One trouble about the present defence machinery is that it tends to foster a set-up of duds. No

By ALASTAIR FORBES

defence is here made on the professional experts, who must be the politicians.

Yet it is obvious that the overall picture of national defence must be a picture of great power, provided he is master of his subject and can use his authority to the full.

Dud Ministers

Mr. Churchill, already the possessor of unprecedented powers as Premier, has been thoroughly dynamic Minister of Defence. In his dual role he has been unchallengeable by any other minister.

Mr. Attlee, having divested himself of the Defence Ministry, might have selected a dominant personality to take charge in this sphere, and thus have run the risk of seeing the defence powerlessness of his Socialist Cabinet upset.

Instead he preferred to set a dud Minister of Defence over a series of dud Service Ministers, whose position is hardly strengthened by the dud Minister of Labour with whom they have to deal.

Small wonder that this loose arrangement has been of such singularly small use in fitting Britain for the new and vital role she is called upon to play in helping to secure Western Europe as well as other parts of the world from aggression.

The Opposition's task, which has been bravely tackled, has been rendered difficult by the security blanket which the Government has chosen to draw over its failures. In the Lords a few weeks ago the mismanagement of the air arm since the end of the war was made painfully evident.

Defence Secrets

Here secrecy has reached a point where the Government is prepared to give American bomber strength in Britain but withholds British bomber strength.

The Admiralty has been a little more forthcoming, but when one contemplates the collective ability of the political representatives one must find its apparent complacency, as revealed last week, doubly alarming.

Mr. Bracken's alarming but far from alarmist warnings of the growing Russian U-boat danger were left unanswered by Mr. Durgdale, an ex-public schoolboy Socialist whose reputation does not seem to have emerged from early prep, school form.

Stoker Edwards is better brought up, but scarcely better informed.

In the Army Estimates debate Brigadier Head, who has already been described in this column as the best Opposition speaker on defence matters after Mr. Churchill, outstandingly repeated the success of his speech the week before. His theme then, stated with a sincerity as deep as his knowledge is wide, was that "a realistic defence system will do more for peace than anything else."

Our Strength

He argued that though unprepared at the outbreak of the last war, we nevertheless did not have to suffer the full consequences, from which in any future conflict there will be no escape possible.

He underlined his earlier assertion that Western Europe wants evidence of Britain's immediately available strength, and that if she fails to get it the whole conception of Western Union and the Atlantic Pact may be threatened. To this end Brigadier Head and other Tories have long been demanding that the Regular Army must be built up on a strong, permanent, well-paid basis.

National Service was introduced in order to strengthen the country. It should not be blindly retained, either for its own sake or as a political conception, if such retention appears to be weakening the country.

Brigadier Head wanted to see a genuine pay increase for the Regular Army as an inducement to recruiting an efficient force, the numbers and cost to be levelled out as far as possible by a proportionate tapering-off of National Service men and by the greater use of civilian labour at home.

Mr. Shawcross seemed sympathetic to this. As Brigadier Head said, "there was good stuff in his speech." Indeed, here perhaps the first of Mr. Attlee's Service choice who is not proving a complete dud.

Socialists' Warning

Powerful support for the Conservative case in this field, which should be, and fortunately for the country very largely is, above party politics, came from Socialist Mr. Paget.

He gave warning of Russia's great mobilisable land strength, and said that the creation of 20 super-equipped and supertrained divisions of which eight should be British and to which should be added a British-raised Foreign Legion, was immediately essential for the first-line defence of Western Europe and the Mediterranean.

The frightful lack of public interest in such proposals was matched by the misunderstanding to which this one gave rise among so many of Mr. Paget's fellow-Socialists.

The conclusion of the Atlantic Pact is almost certainly likely to be followed in Europe by a fresh outbreak of the sort of nervousness already being voiced on the safer side of the Atlantic by Mr. Dulles and Mr. Lippmann.

Not only American but also European enthusiasm for the bold step now about to be taken may rapidly be succeeded by pessimism or panic if Britain does not now take the lead in proving to Russia that free Europe can and will defend herself on land. "There is always a reason for doing nothing," said Brigadier Head in the Commons, "but, at the present, there is every reason for taking drastic action."

THE HARD FACTS ABOUT GENERAL FRANCO

Spain is preparing to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the end of the civil war.

Franco has been 10 years in power. And it is a moment to try to assess how he has used that power, and how much longer he is likely to hold it.

Nothing can ever alter the fact that Franco was helped to power by Hitler and Mussolini, that his Government was not elected but imposed itself by force, that the Press is not free, that only one political party is permitted.

But if you draw up an honest balance-sheet of ten years' rule you can say these things in Franco's favour:

1. He has reduced his political prisoners according to the official estimates most worthy of belief—to about 3,000. All the civil war prisoners have long ago been dealt with—either released, amnestied, or sentenced for genuinely non-political crimes.

2. The Caudillo's social legislation is genuinely advanced—he sometimes claims that it is the most advanced in Europe. And a

(There are not even legends of torture-camps on the Nazi model.)

3. There is much more freedom in life than you expect under a dictatorship. A Spaniard rarely looks furtively round or speaks in a whisper when he attacks the regime. He attacks it as he goes along and before it gets him into trouble. The secret police is either very feeble or very small. It is not a sinister underground in the life of the country like the Gestapo or the NKVD.

Some measures of freedom, indeed, are astonishingly extreme. Recently a Spanish painter who had fought against Franco in the civil war returned to Spain (any Republican can now return without fear of trouble unless he has committed actual crimes).

He found the Minister of Education living in his house. So he went to law and got the Minister turned out—even though the Minister had no where else to go.

4. Franco has maintained law and order and a measure of stability which has done him more good in Spanish eyes than anything else.

For the memory of the horror of the civil war still burns very strongly in Spain. The country lost more men and women in it than did the whole British Empire in either of the two world wars.

Fear of another such civil war has become almost pathological—it is probably the most powerful political force in Spain. The people will suffer almost anything to avoid it. So the problem of Franco is not a simple problem of tyranny.

Being a devout Catholic, he avoids the tendency of most dictators to turn themselves into gods. Beyond any doubt he wants to do the best he can for Spain.

Power By War

His trouble is that his is a military dictatorship, and that is a static, not a dynamic, thing. He is a general who came to power by war, and he is kept in power by a large, loyal, privileged army.

He never started out with a positive, constructive political theme. His programme was the negative one of making Spain safe from Communism.

He never liked the political party he did adopt—the Falange. The Falange itself never had any deep political strength, and now it is suffering from the disease of victory—the corruption of power. It calls itself a movement, but it is no longer going anywhere. The inertia of unchallenged authority has turned it from a movement into a gang.

That is the "worst thing of all" about Franco's Spain. All Ministers, provincial governors, mayors, high Civil Servants are ex-members of the Falange, and they stick together.

And this degeneration of victory is all the greater because the victory is so complete. Only the most intense wishful thinking can make anyone believe that Franco's position is not strong.

He has the Army and the Church behind him. There is no organised opposition to him in Spain. The refugee Republican Government, which still exists, is totally discredited.

By this they mean that if you believe you get a longer life from a blade by rubbing it on your doorstep, by all means go on doing so. But as scientists they know of no really satisfactory method of sharpening a blunted blade.

This Story Has Whiskers IN It

By JOHN BINGHAM

Nobody knows when shaving began, but the Egyptians were conscientiously hacking away at their faces as far back as 3,100 B.C., and you may remember that Joseph, after a misunderstanding with Potiphar's wife, had a shave before going to see Pharaoh.

Shaving became a religious rite. In Ezekiel it says, "And thou, Son of Man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass over thine head and upon thy beard."

Alexander the Great, a practical man, shaved himself, and made his troops shave. As the only object, however, was to prevent the enemy getting a grip on their beards in a fight, it may be assumed that half an inch of stubble at early morning parades was not frowned upon.

According to Pliny the Elder, the first Roman to undergo facial depilation was Scipio Africanus, who beat the Carthaginians. Peter the Great disliked hairy Russians, so he taxed all beards.

Research scientists employed by the biggest razor factory in the world say that, if you are an average British male citizen, you have some 25,000 hairs on your 40 sq. in. of shaven face.

Of course, if you have an enormous moon-face you will have more, and if you have a tiny little nutcracker type of face you will have less, and it can't be helped. The poorest growth these scientists have come across was on the face of a Chinaman; this Oriental had a mere 5,000 hairs. The most luxuriant growth belonged to a blue-jowled Teuton, with 32,000.

Each hair grows at least one-hundredth of an inch daily. So you, with your 25,000 hairs, grow

no less than 250 inches, or over 200 ft. of hair, each of your hairs every 24 hours; no wonder women complain.

Reasoning that there are 15,000,000 shavenable men in Britain, we arrive at the startling conclusion that nearly 100 acres of British shavenable faces grow 60,000 miles of hair every single day. Fascinating.

A world-wide survey of shaving methods appears to indicate that it doesn't matter what you do, so long as you tear 'em out.

Telers in some parts of the world still use bits of shell, or broken glass, or silvers of bamboo—or even shark's teeth. In Polynesia they will sometimes take two bits of flint, and nib off the bristles between them.

In China, for hundreds of years they have used a razor which looks like a split sardine on a stick; but in some parts of the country, and in parts of Burma, they still resort to the most primitive method of all. They just pull 'em out.

The research scientists say that it is important to wash your face before shaving, to remove grit, dirt, and perspiration, which are bad for the shaving edge of the blade. They recommend two minutes lathering.

Belief, they say, plays a big part, and is probably the last remaining trace of the religious ritual which once surrounded the act of removing hair from the face.

By this they mean that if you believe you get a longer life from a blade by rubbing it on your doorstep, by all means go on doing so. But as scientists they know of no really satisfactory method of sharpening a blunted blade.



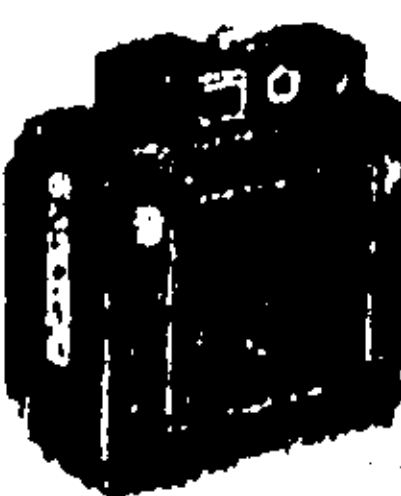
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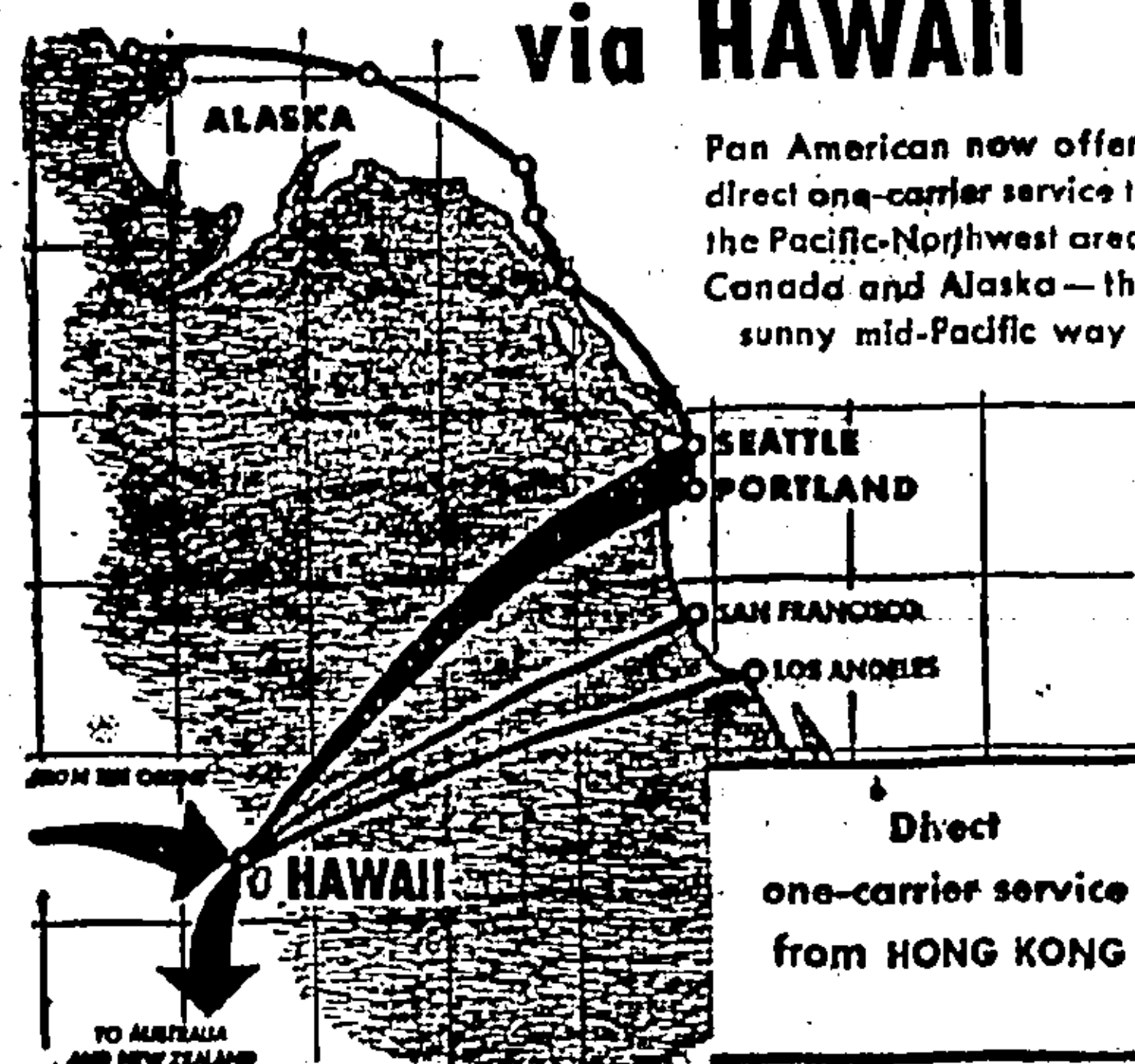
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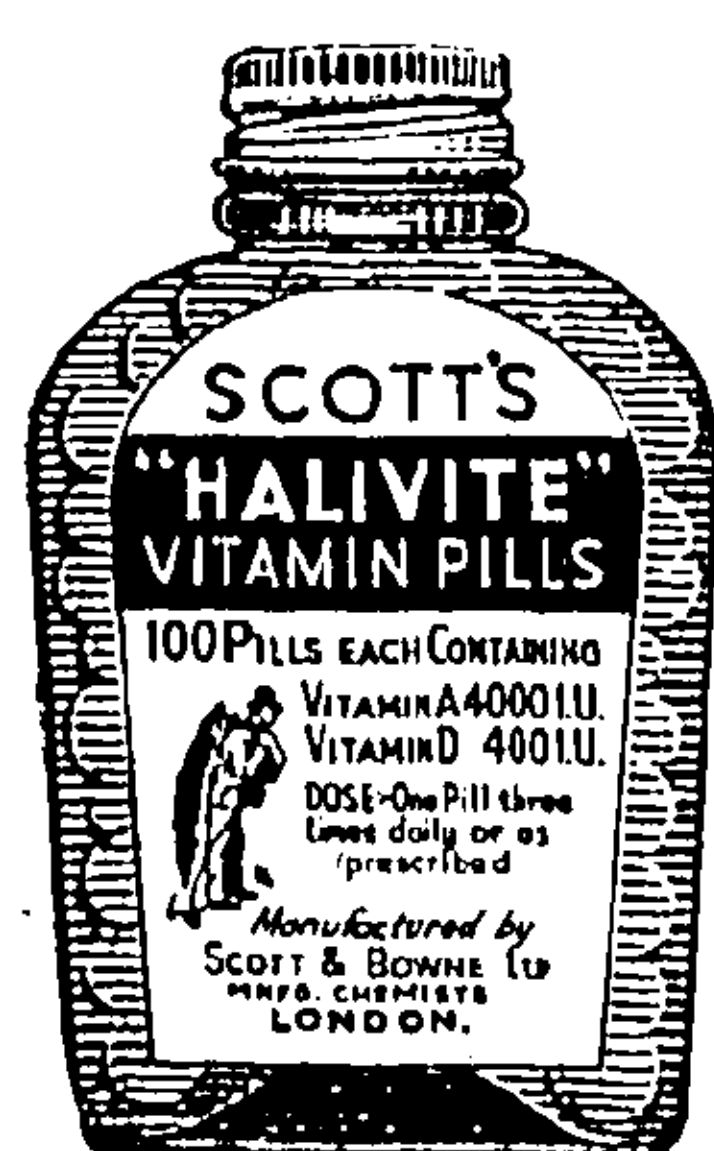
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ON THE HIGH SEAS

Every now and again a rambling journalist comes through Hong Kong, and after several whisky-and-soda sessions, emerges with what is called in the profession a "powerful piece" about pirates along the China Coast. These reports have recently tended to revolve round a magnificent, if mythical, conchubine wrapped in six-shooters and sex appeal whose only difference from Al Capone is in the matter of appearance and locale.

The fact is, apart from the lurid stories in the Sunday supplements, that this is probably the one remaining civilised area where piracy and banditry are commonplace. Travellers on the Kowloon-Canton railway accept pistol shots and protracted delays with equal resignation. Passengers in river steamers leaving Hong Kong burn an extra joss stick in the hope that explosions under the keel will not disturb their sleep on that particular night. As time marches on, even airways passengers cannot be sure when the man across the aisle will not start engaging the pilot in target practice.

Far from being flippant, the foregoing is meant in all seriousness. Late on Thursday night the gay, dance-ship Miss Orient capsized and sank following the bursting of a bomb laid by local terrorists. At the time of writing, the casualty figures are still uncertain, but they are expected to be about a hundred: innocent, ordinary people travelling in peaceful waters, carrying baggage which to many of them meant the bulk of their possessions. Why should they have worried? After all, only a few leagues away was the quiet anchorage of Hong Kong, which regularly boasts cruisers, destroyers and gunboats, with highly decorative senior naval officers paying ceremonial visits to each other in a serene British atmosphere.

Responsibility cannot, of course, be laid primarily at the door of the Hong Kong administration. The onus rests basically on China, but a nation distracted by civil war and the regular disappearance of thousands of millions of money into private pockets, a land which for centuries has accepted the brigand general as a normal feature of life, cannot be expected to take much action in the matter.

Eighteen months ago the ss. Kwei Hai was also sunk by a mine exploded from the shore, following threatening letters demanding money, and more than 40 lives were lost. As recently as last week, an attempt was made to blow up the ss. Shih Men for the same reason. Now comes the Miss Orient. The fact is that most shipping companies have received menacing demands from Chinese marauders who consider themselves beyond the law, and what sums have been paid by some fearful managers will never be known.

The problem is not new, nor is its solution. The China coast may possibly be more difficult to clear than say the Caribbean or the Mediterranean were, but we doubt it. Pressure should be brought to bear on the Canton authorities to co-operate with Hong Kong, or allow armed patrol boats and escort vessels to operate from the Colony—which has so much to lose from trouble in these waters. Immediate action is imperative. Pirate hideouts should be cleared like nests of rats and vipers. And though it is secondary, passengers should be more carefully screened before they mount the gangway.

THAT VICIOUS CIRCLE

There appears to be no reason to doubt that ex-HMS Aurora (renamed the Chungking) a 5,000-ton cruiser presented to the Chinese Government by Great Britain, with a fully trained complement of Chinese officers and ratings, is now lying, keeled-over, alongside a pier at Hulutao, as a result of direct hits by bombs dropped by 'bombers' planes of the Chinese Nationalist Air Force.

An official statement to the effect that the cruiser had been sunk by aerial bombing has been issued by the National Government, accompanied by aerial photographs purporting to show the stricken vessel lying on its side, with a dense column of smoke rising from its fuel-oil tanks, and a spreading patch of oil covering the water astern.

Thus we have the amazing situation of a modern British warship, with a complement intensively trained under the direction of the British Navy, sunk by American bombs, dropped by American-made bombers, piloted by American-trained pilots. To complete the vicious circle we should only need to imagine American-made Chinese bombers deserting to the Reds being shot down by British-made fighters.

The vicious circle would then be complete. Now would this require an overdraw on one's imagination, in the light of the Chungking's inglorious history. Some light has been thrown upon this shameful incident by a letter from a deserter from the Chungking which appeared in a recent issue of the "China News", a newsmagazine published in Nanking. Either the deserter or the translator has obviously gone wrong with his figures—unless one is to believe that the ordinary British blue-jacket receives pay and allowances at the rate of £45 a month (Forty-five shillings would be nearer the mark). But there is no reason to doubt the rest of his story, which may be summarised as follows:

When the Aurora was formally handed over to the Chinese Government, her complement was officially listed at 600. Some 200 thereof deserted at Hong Kong, Shanghai and other ports that she visited, but she remained rated at 600, and pay and allowances were drawn by Chinese Naval Headquarters for that number. While training in England the British naval scale, with allowances, given the same rations as those served in the British Navy; and also allowances of

cigarettes, rum, and the same leave privileges as those enjoyed by British tars.

(In Mickey Hahn's latest book, "England to Me," she describes a week-end visit to Colonel Boxer, family residence of a couple of Chinese ratings. It seems to have become the custom for British families to extend hospitality to the Chinese officers and men during their leave periods.)

By H.G.W.
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The Chungking's complement were supposed to remain on the British pay-scale after arrival in Chinese waters, but were actually paid in Gold Yuan at the official rate, for several months, thus receiving over a third of their former emoluments. Since January, stated this deserter, not a single cent had been paid to the crew, which, however, had reason to believe that their pay had been appropriated by some Government department or other. They suspected that some naval "higher-ups" were pocketing the pay and allowances that were their due.

Resentment At "Raw Deal"

Investigators of the Control Yuan are stated to be of the opinion that the desertion of the cruiser to the Reds was not due to any affection for Communism, but solely to resentment at the "raw deal" they had received since the vessel was incorporated in the Chinese Navy.

The incident has touched off a demand for a thorough investigation of repeated (and undoubtedly well-founded) charges that senior officers in the Chinese Army and Navy have made a practice of padding their payrolls with non-existent soldiers or blue-jackets, in order to pocket the difference. It is pointed out that although losses of officers and men in Manchuria and New China must be cut the strength of the Nationalist Armies to approximately 2,000,000, the number of officers and men on the National pay-roll still exceeds 5,000,000.

This, of course, would be bad enough, but despite the strain on China's budget of supporting a vast (and largely mythical) Army, it is common knowledge that men actually serving are inadequately paid, unsuitably clothed and trained, and ineffectively armed. Most of these unfortun-

ates are country yokels, who were unable to find the necessary funds to buy off the conscription officials, and have been dragged away from their families to enter an Army that has no provision for proper training, for even elementary medical services, or for allowances to dependents in the event of sickness or death.

Conscription in a large percentage of cases means a death sentence. The recruits disappear, never to be heard of again. It is to be expected that in such circumstances China's Army can possess any plan or morale? There is an overwhelming temptation to desert, if such a course offers any hope of rejoining their families.

First-Class Fighting Man

The tragedy is that under favourable conditions, the Chinese makes a first-class fighting man. We have had instances of this in the Weihsui Regiment (which participated in the capture of Tientsin from the Boxers within two years of its formation); in the stubborn resistance offered to the Japanese at Shanghai in 1937 by the two German-trained divisions and in the exploits of the "Chinese units" which were trained under American supervision, in India, during World War II.

The secret—if it can be described as such—in each case, was that supervision of training was not confined to a handful of foreign "brass-hats," but extended to the rank and file. It would have been impossible under the system of training adopted by British, German, or American instructors for the men to be robbed of their pay and a large portion of their rations, to have been served out unsuitable uniforms or weapons, or to have been compelled to continue serving when obviously physically unfit.

That is why, today, it would be impossible to furnish effective military aid to Nationalist China unless the assisting power (in this case the United States) supplied thousands of efficient N.C.O.s who would live among, and see to the welfare as well as the training, of their charges.

What is the state of the fate of the Chungking, what is one to think of the report in a Shanghai paper, that:

"The Chinese Navy, still smarting over the loss of the Chungking, could console itself with the arrival in Taiwan of two destroyer escorts from the United States... The ships which arrived were the Tai Ho and the Tai Chong. Their American names were the Thomas and the Breeman. Why not rename them *Mao Tse-tung* and *Chou En-lai*?"

NEGLECT TO RE-ARM

Since Adam Smith's day, there has been a well-recognised opposition between "defence" and "opulence."

It arises because if you divert to armies, navies and air forces money which would otherwise be available for economic purposes, your economy must suffer.

Necessity may justify the diversion, as Adam Smith himself insisted in a famous sentence; but, failing that, the economic claim stands.

When World War I ended, we found ourselves winners, with no enemy left on the horizon, who our economic wounds could be the most careful nursing. Accordingly we switched over from "defence" to "opulence."

We adopted the 10 Year Rule—no war foreseeable for 10 years, and expenditure on the Services to be kept down to that for maintaining mere nuclear or gas forces. At first this was a sensible plan; though its long subsequent extension from year to year, after circumstances had ceased to justify it, nearly ruined us in 1939.

In 1945 the situation was different. The demands of our war-shattered economy were greater than ever, but the demands of defence were no longer negligible. As soon as we had got rid of the Germans, the Russians started behaving as if they were our outright enemies.

Yet we trusted to the atomic bomb to deter them from going to extremes, and hoped (against all experience) that if in the interval we unilaterally kept our armament small, it would render them better disposed towards us. Accordingly we applied the equivalent of a 10 Year Rule.

Russian actions have forced us bit by bit to discard it, just as we were led to discard it in the 30s by the successive actions of Hitler. But just as we lagged behind the needs of every stage then, so we are doing the same now.

In the late 30s we were planning our defences to be ready by 1941. Yet Hitler quite obviously was not working to 1941, but in the first instance, 1939. Hence our humiliation at Munich in the year and the conquest of Western Europe in 1940.

converted. How many are being built? Mr. Dugdale's answer was that the number to be launched (not completed, you noticed) next year was five. As for the conversions into fast frigates, only two have been attempted so far, and they it appears, are still at a very experimental stage.

Meanwhile the best-informed estimated available to the official student credit the Russians with having already over 250 submarines, mostly of the new type. These are far more formidable than those used against us in World War II, and have an under-water speed which renders our existing frigates relatively useless. Submarine warfare can be mass-produced. So could fast frigates, but they are not being so produced.

The two main tasks for the Admiralty are anti-submarine defence and the naval air service. These they cannot overlook, and they are experimenting with both. It is right that they should, but it is not enough. They ought at the same time to be ready for immediate action, if at any moment the cold war became a hot one.

By Scrutator

The indications are that they are not, and the Government not the Lord, must be held responsible. One has to remember that just as the submarine situation has been transformed by new inventions, so the naval air situation has been transformed by the development of the jet engine.

It is a nuisance that invention keeps rendering existing armaments obsolete; but it is one that the Navy has had to reckon with for the past 60 years.

Turn now to the War Office. The story is the same. We have accepted more and more, ever in peace-time before 1939. Yet what is there to show for it? Mr. Shinwell dwelt on the reserves that we shall have four and a half year hence. Doubtless long views have their use, and it is well that we should be strong in four and a half years' time. But, with Russia already blockading us in Berlin, a much nearer date is the urgent one.

The best speech on this point was made by Mr. Paget, the Labour member for Northampton.

He started by recognising that our prime task is "to prevent Russia over-running Europe before the Americans can get there."

He went on to say—surely with truth—that, while air power is indispensable for this, it cannot be done by air power alone. A highly mobile armoured force with the latest and best equipment is needed to fight on the ground. He put it at 20 divisions.

The Russian force along the mid-german frontier he reckoned at 30 divisions (in last year's manoeuvres it was said to be 32). But there is a mobilisation strength of 300 divisions behind it, which, unless our aircraft destroyed the means of transport, could reinforce the front by land far sooner than the Americans could across the Atlantic, even if we ignore the submarines.

Main Tasks

Suppose we take Mr. Paget's figure—three divisions available from Belgium, two from Holland, five from France—there are 10 divisions for Britain to find. France might probably find two more, if America and Britain could equip them; but even so we must find eight.

This would not be beyond our capacity, provided we recruited enough Regulars to provide cadres for them. For filling in the frame the National Service men would suffice, and that is the proper way to use them.

But the essential thing, both for this purpose and for those overseas tasks (e.g. Malaya), on which Mr. Shinwell laid stress, is to recruit enough Regulars. This we shall never do unless the questions of pay, allowances, housing, and after-employment are studied afresh, and very substantially improved for all ranks.

Of the desired eight divisions, it is doubtful if we could put more than two in line by next year. And even they would have had no divisional training; though they are at last to have some next autumn on the Luneburger Heide.

We cannot too soon realise that this simply will not work. It is not enough. The European nations are not going to take our side if they find the prospect is only a repetition of the last war—i.e., years of occupation by the enemy before we can evict him. They know very well that, if the Russians came in, their occupation would be far more terrible; and their aim would be to alter the whole fabric of Western civilisation so fundamentally that it could never be restored. That is the issue; and the makers of our defence policy cannot safely delay longer over it.

MacArthur Puts On The Screw

From Richard Hughes

Democracy will take a holiday in Japan this year. General MacArthur, under orders from Washington, is tightening the screws of the Occupation with an iron hand. True, the iron hand wears a Western-model velvet glove. There is smooth if firm talk about "temporary surrender of some of the privileges and immunities inherent in a free society."

The goal is referred to mildly as "economic stabilisation"—which means austerity, hard work and hardship.

The measures to be adopted are described, simply and in detail, as "bureaucratic readjustment," "reorganisation," "acceleration," and "designations," which sound much better than "public service dismissals," "retrenchment," "longer working hours," and "abolition of strikes."

The issue is vital. This is the year of showdown.

Up to the present, left-wing unions have reluctantly come to heel when strikes have been forbidden as harmful to the interests of the Occupation.

It remains to be seen whether, under the tightening pressure of the austerity programme, which demands longer hours, greater production and personnel retrenchment, Communist-manipulated unions will remain obedient.

That the Communists will secretly oppose Prime Minister Yoshida, whose political and economic ideas are in full accord at present with MacArthur's, is certain. Strikes, obstruction, go-slow tactics and even sabotage are expected.

More and more the Japanese Communists are preaching with straight faces the nationalist gospel of Japanese racial independence. More and more, in the coming year, they will seek to identify their party's aspirations with Japanese interests and, conversely, to present the policies of Yoshida's Democratic-Liberals as American-inspired and American-controlled.

"We are the only true Japanese," will be their slogan. Yoshida is a puppet Prime Minister for MacArthur and the West.

The cold war, in fact, has now extended openly to the Japanese soil, where MacArthur will confront and challenge the Japanese Communists in their own union camp.

Already the Japanese Administration Supervisory Board has before it "a scheme of readjustment of the national administrative structure," which provides for a reduction of more than 500,000 employees on government, corporation and public pay rolls.

Staff dismissals range from 20 per cent in the railways, communications and finance departments to 30 per cent in other government departments. The police are exempted.

To Raise Targets

Simultaneously, the Economic Stabilisation Board is seeking immediately to increase the earlier coal production target for 1949 from 40 to 42 million tons, and the iron and steel production target from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 tons.

If cracking equipment, uncertain raw material supplies, dubious electrical power and ailing labour can carry this heavier load, Japan will have at least 500,000 tons of steel materials for export.

With the establishment of a fixed yen exchange rate, which will boost textile production and strengthen Japan's rebuilding potential, while causing unemployment in other non-export industries, this programme would galvanise basic Japanese exports.

How far will the Communists dare to go in attempting to sabotage or delay this programme? "Ideological opposition" will be ruthlessly crushed, MacArthur has said. But how? Reduction in American help to the Japanese, precipitating distress and economic collapse, would be warmly welcomed by the Communists.

Japanese industrialists and political leaders know better. Already they are arguing plausibly that the continued purge must hamper MacArthur's recovery speed-up by imprisoning Japan's best brains.

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NOTE OF CAUTION SOUNDED ON THE ATLANTIC TREATY

Denmark's Adhesion To The Pact

Copenhagen, March 26. Denmark formally decided yesterday to join the North Atlantic Defence Alliance. The Foreign Minister, Gustav Rasmussen, handed Edward J. Sparks, United States Charge d'Affaires in Copenhagen, a note saying that Denmark accepted an invitation to join.

The final decision was taken when the Upper House of the Danish Parliament voted yesterday afternoon to authorize the government to sign the treaty. The vote was 64-8, with four members abstaining. The Lower House voted approval on Thursday by 119-23. Associated Press.

Four-Hour Wait For Russians

London, March 25. Four hours today British heads waited to see the six Russian women who were to appear at the Times newspaper office, which they were to have toured the morning launchings would be, and the party was due at the Women's Press Club.

Still they failed to appear. The heads became worried. So did the Russian Embassy, which had to wait for the women. At 3:00 p.m. the Club officials could wait no longer, and made a final telephone call to Mr. Deatrice Kuz, Vice-Chairman of the International Women's Day Organisation, requesting the Russian's visit.

Mrs. King had the explanation: "The women were shopping and lost their sense of time."

The chairman of the Press Club, Miss Mary Minton, said the Soviet Embassy had told her the Russian women had gone into the country in a car very early. They were due back at 2:00 p.m. but by 2:00 p.m. local time the car had not returned to the Soviet Embassy, Miss Minton said.

She added that Embassy officials were very worried about the women's return. Reuter.

Indian Yards Closing Down

Bombay, March 25. The Scindia Steam Navigation Company announced today that it is indefinitely suspending construction at Vazirapatnam shipyard, the only one of its kind in India.

Scindia said 350 workers had been given notice. It added that the closure is necessitated by high overhead costs and lack of sufficient orders.

The yard was built during the early part of World War II and launched two 8,000-ton seagoing vessels. United Press.

London, March 25. The American Ambassador, U. Thayer, saw the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, today and earlier called on Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Reuter.

London, March 25. Most British weekly political periodicals acclaim the North Atlantic Pact, but the leftists "New Statesman and Nation" cautions against premature rejoicing.

Warnings are also given that the new pact may reduce the threat of military aggression but not of Communism itself.

The "New Statesman and Nation" writes: "It has long been clear that if the Marshall aid areas were the victim of military aggression, the American Government would accept the challenge."

"The sort of shutters which the North Atlantic treaty furnishes are not burglar proof against Communism. On the contrary, the cost of their erection is likely to make conditions more, rather than less, favourable for the spread of Communist ideas."

The Socialist "Tribune" describes the pact as the answer of the Western powers to more than three years of aggressive diplomacy by the Soviet Government.

The "Tribune" adds: "Norway provides the plainest example of the attitude of Socialists over most of Europe to the world power problem. Her choice is the judgment of free men and democratic Socialists on Soviet motives."

And the "Tribune" declares: "The real danger of an immediate war arising from the chance that the Soviet Government would misadventure what it could gain without involving the United States. The Atlantic Pact reduces that risk. It is a pact for peace."

The London "Conservative Spectator" says that the fear of Russian reaction will be removed by the assurance of American aid in the event of Eastern aggression.

Senate Debate

It can only be removed by overwhelming military strength, based on world economic superiority. What can be done by the pooling of resources will be done. It remains to make those resources so formidable that even the possibility of a Communist adventure can be ruled out, the paper adds.

In Washington, today the Senate plunged into another preliminary debate on the North Atlantic Pact when Senator Forrest Donnell declared that the United States will be more secure if the Senate rejects the proposed treaty.

To back his contention that the pact represents a moral commitment to fight if any member is attacked, Senator Donnell read a newspaper editorial and quotations from Senators Tom Connally and Arthur Vandenberg, European Foreign Ministers and a recent State Department White Paper.

Senator Millard Tydings interrupted to ask if Senator Donnell believes the United States' security will be better protected in or outside the pact. The Senator from Missouri replied that the United States will be in vastly less security if it joins. He said approval of the treaty would mean that during 20 long years the United States would be at war if any of the member nations were attacked. He argued that it would be far wiser to reserve the right to act in the light of whatever circumstances existed.

Right Of Review

Senator Tydings said it is his understanding that the United States has the right to review any situation before

RUSSIANS REACTIVATE WAR BODY

Berlin, March 26. Reports reaching Berlin through usually well-informed channels say the Soviet Union's wartime State Defence Council had been reactivated and reorganization of the Russian Army high command is in progress.

High Western Allied quarters think such moves are quite possible and American quarters here believe that revival of the Defence Council is linked with Russian fears about the forthcoming unity of the West under the Atlantic Pact.

The Defence Council always was a very hush-hush organization. Members include Stalin, Molotov, Mikoyan and Kaganovich. — United Press.

Floating Treasure Disappoints

Marseilles, March 25. Hundreds of Marseilles citizens ran, rode or took taxis to the nearby Prado Beach today when the news spread that pound sterling notes were floating on the waters.

The "treasure trove" report reached the Cannebiere, the famed cafe-lined street of Marseilles' idlers (and practical jokers) just before lunch hours, and caused an immediate exodus out on boats and found that rumour apparently had misled them. The waves had been skimmed.

The next journey was to the banks as soon as they opened after lunch but the eager beachcombers were recommended by the cashiers to make another trip—to the nearest police station—to report the finding of forged notes. — Reuter.

Russians Closing Iran Consulates

Washington, March 25.

The Soviet Government is closing down its three consular offices in Iran. Press censorship prevented news of this leaving Iran.

According to diplomatic despatches, the Russians are already moving out their belongings from the consulates at Tabriz, Meshed, and Ahwaz. These reports do not make it clear whether this constitutes a formal closing of the consulates, similar to that carried out by the Soviet authorities in the United States last year after the dispute over the repatriation of a Soviet school teacher in New York.

Should the Soviets complete the formal closing down of their consular representation in Iran, they will, it is expected, in diplomatic circles in Washington, ask the Iranian Government to close down the only Iranian consulate in the Soviet Union at Baku.

The Soviet move is linked here with two trends in recent policy. First, there is the continued pressure on Iran and its association with Britain and the United States.

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, this week

PICKETS FOR WINSTON

New York, March 25. More than 300 Communists and other Leftists, carrying signs and chanting "Send that bundle back to Britain," picketed the Ritz-Carlton Hotel where Mr. Henry Luce honoured the former Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, at an informal dinner.

Mr. Churchill arrived in the United States this week and dined with President Truman last night at Blair House in Washington. — United Press.

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Stiff British Note To Czechoslovakia

Prague, March 25.

Britain tonight protested to Czechoslovakia against the threat of arrest and expulsion of Captain Philip Wildash, the British military permit officer.

Captain Wildash left Prague at 24 hours' notice on Wednesday. Usually reliable sources said that the note, presented to the Czechoslovak Government by the British Embassy here on instructions from the British Foreign Office, was strongly worded.

The Czech law for the protection of the Republic covers foreign nationals resident here or abroad. The new Army Act passed this week also includes penal clauses affecting foreigners who may infringe it if they assist or otherwise cause any Czech here or abroad to avoid military obligations.

It is pointed out that the wording of these new laws is so all-embracing that a foreigner could be arrested if he fell into the smallest indiscretion in casual conversation with a Czech citizen.

At least one Western Embassy here is attempting to secure official clarification of the position so that it may warn its nationals who may be here on business or pleasure that they can easily be seriously jeopardized.

This Embassy reads the law to mean that it is not even necessary for a foreigner to assist a Czech in a criminal act, such as planning to leave the country without permission. If the foreigner merely knows of the Czech's plan, he commits a crime by failing to inform the authorities.

If foreign businessmen are approached by Czechs for work abroad in the event of escape, they would be particularly affected by these provisions.

More Arrests

The arrests of Czech citizens working at the Military Permit Office here have continued. Dagmar Novakova, aged 17, was taken by the security police from her home in Prague at dawn this morning.

She was the fifth Czech from the Office to have been arrested. One male employee was held briefly and released. Four other employees are detained.

At the Military Permit Office here today, the officer in charge, Mr. Martin Bove, Captain Wildash's American colleague, is awaiting instructions about the future work of that Office which issues transit visas or permits for the three Western Zones of Germany and Austria.

Czechoslovakia would be seriously affected if the work of the Office is disrupted for long. Just before the series of arrests this week, the Permit Office had cleared the usual monthly batch of applications for Czechoslovakia's trans-European transport service drivers.

It was being assumed here that the Trizone Military Government will consult with their Home Governments about the future policy for the Permit Office in Prague. — Reuter.

Aussie Mart For America

San Francisco, March 25. Possibilities of trade between the United States and Australia are almost endless, Myron C. Cowen, retiring U.S. Ambassador to that country, said yesterday.

Mr. Cowen arrived from Sydney by plane. He has been appointed U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines.

"In my opinion every American businessman should go to Australia and see for himself the tremendous trade possibilities," Mr. Cowen said.

"The Australians respect us more than any other nation and we should take advantage of their high regard." — Associated Press.

New Currency For Philippines

Manila, March 25. The Philippines, which has been an independent Republic since 1946, will have a new currency in the near future, replacing current notes which were printed while this country was a commonwealth under the United States.

Bids from American, British and other currency printers are soon to be received by the Government. The Cabinet has approved specifications for the new currency as recommended by the Monetary Board.

Portraits of Philippine heroes and representations of significant episodes in Philippine history will be depicted in the new notes. — United Press.

GREEKS CHEER TRUMAN

Athens, March 25. Huge crowds shouted "long live America, long live Truman" at a military parade in Athens today during the Greek National Independence Day celebrations.

The crowds cheered a contingent of 500 American marines and sailors, headed by a marine band from the U.S. 8th Task Force, who took part in the parade. The American Ambassador, Henry Grady, and Mrs. Grady were loudly cheered when they drove to a Cathedral service. — Associated Press.

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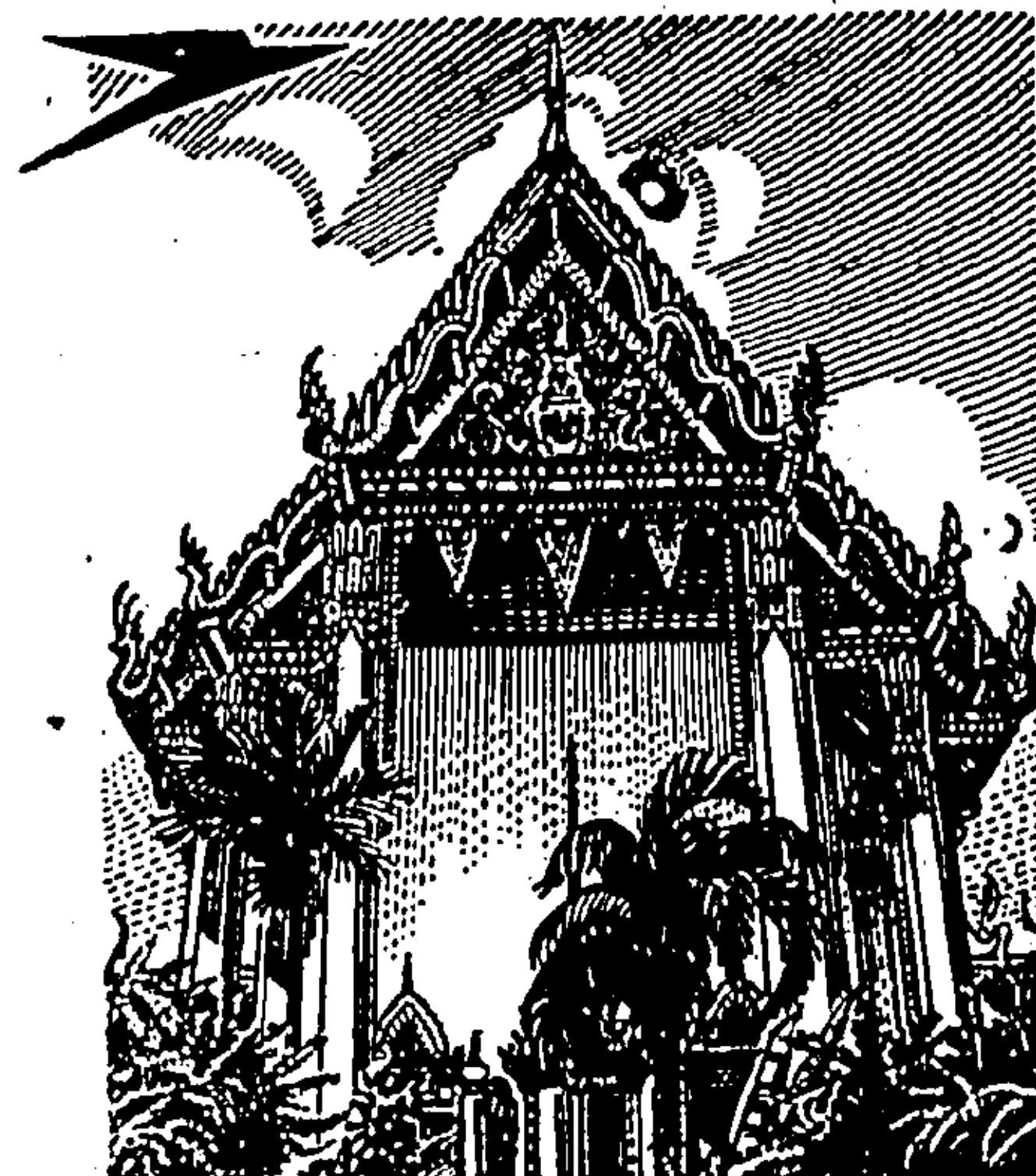
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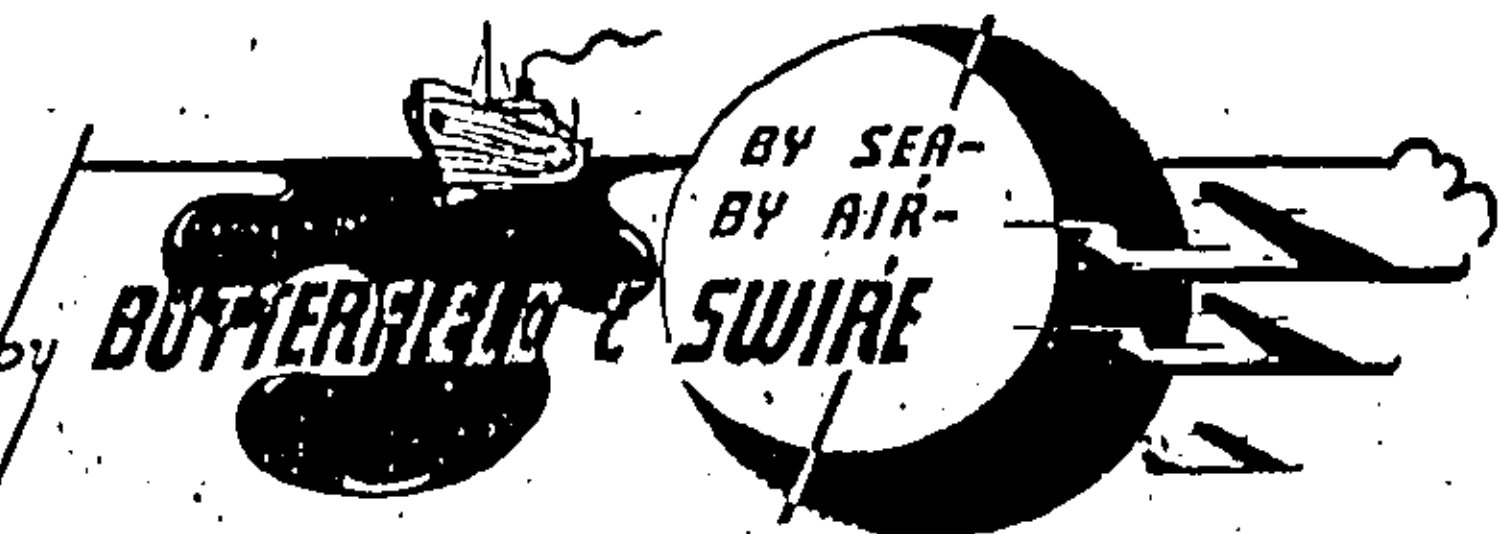
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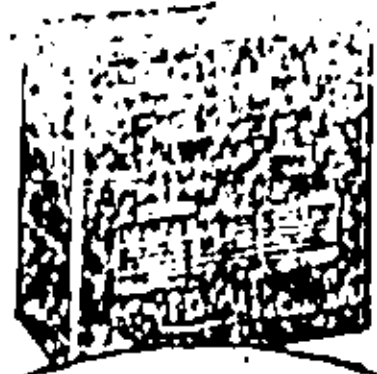
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ABORIGINES LIVING IN SLAVE CONDITIONS

Darwin, March 26.

Full-blooded aborigines in certain Government-owned stations in the Northern Territory exist under slave conditions, believed by some to be without equal anywhere in the world.

This is according to a special correspondent in the "Sydney Truth."

"Hidden from the public's gaze in remote, almost inaccessible places in the vast Northern Territory, colonies of aborigines live under conditions revolting and repulsive by white men's standards," writes the correspondent.

"The emaciated bodies of dyed-in-the-face aborigines in some established camps tell an unbelievable story of the slow death that awaits many tribesmen, said to be under Government protection. 'One Native Affairs Department Missioner camp which is conspicuously that Australia's first duty is to its own natives and not to the coloured over-throw from Asia and the Netherlands, is the Jay Creek settlement, 30 miles from Alice Springs."

"The correspondent was an uninvited guest at this infamous settlement. The personal filth of the natives, their shaggy unkempt clothing and primitive living conditions left a feeling of nausea."

Raw Meat

"The meagre weekly ration of three lbs. of flour, one lb. of sugar and two ozs. of tea per person is issued bi-weekly when a basket is issued, a portion is given to the natives. Because of their primitive cooking facilities, the flesh is eaten raw, or only partly cooked."

"Native 'homes' are eight-constructed 'whirlies', less than four feet high, and in many cases, with the earth as flooring. Space inside almost without exception is sufficient only for an adult native and his tuba to lie down. 'Emaciated mongrel dogs, with fly-infested, running eyes share the native earth beds. The male aborigine has an intense love for his dog."

"Some of the inhabitants of the camp are blind, inevitable result of neglected conjunctivitis. 'The natives are illiterate and have no knowledge of hygiene, nor the facilities to practice it. 'According to Territorial police statistics, the Northern Territory native population is 11,000. In Jay Creek camp there are 200 full-blooded,"—United Press.

Cancer Caused By A Virus

London, March 25.

An article in the British Medical Journal said today that recent experiments point to the conclusion that cancer is actually caused by virus.

"The nature of the virus and how to control it has not yet been established, said the article by W. E. Gye, Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. But if this conclusion is correct, he said, it would be the biggest advance in years of cancer research,"—United Press.

WANTS TO SELL AN EYE

Brisbane, March 25.

C. W. Camp, aged 40, wants to sell one of his eyes for money to develop a rich gold mine he has found in North Queensland. "I've been poor all my life and want to get the money before I'm too old," he said,—United Press.

Red Army Appointment

Berlin, March 25.

The American-licensed German news service Duna reported today that Colonel Alexei Yelizarov has taken over the duties of Soviet commandant in Berlin from Major-General Alexander Kotikov.

Yelizarov has been deputy commandant and for some time acting commandant during Kotikov's illness.

Meanwhile, the Russians announced that a new 100,000-watt transmitter has been put in operation by Radio Berlin, their chief propaganda outlet here. The transmitter at Koenigs-Wusterhausen, East of Berlin, took the place of the one near Tegel airport in the French sector which French troops blew up last December.

Competing with the Russian station is the American station RIAS, which now has an output of 20,000 watts but soon will be increased to 100,000,—United Press.

REPARATIONS FOR BRITAIN

Tokyo, March 25.

Great Britain and Holland will receive £1,250,000 for the rubber seized by the Japanese during the war and shipped to the United States in 1946, General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters announced today.

The shipment of looted stocks to the United States was made with the consent of the British and Dutch Governments to alleviate a critical post-war shortage in the United States,—Reuter.

Rangoon Claims Big Successes

Rangoon, March 26.

The Government announced yesterday that Burmese air and ground forces have struck heavy blows against Karen rebels in the 200-mile area from Toungoo to Mandalay.

Twenty of Burma's 35 districts are involved in the civil war.

Official reports said that Burmese army units have gained positions four miles South of Mandalay, which the Karens and their Communist allies occupied on March 13. Burmese planes bombed rebel positions in that area.

Other Burmese forces are said to have trapped Karen units in the area between Meiktila and the rail junction of Thazi, 13 miles to the East.

Karen tribesmen were driven from Meiktila on Thursday. They had occupied the Burmese Army headquarters city 74 miles South of Mandalay for more than a month.

After a series of clashes, the rebellious tribesmen were trapped when Government infantry

COMMITTEE SUGGESTS

MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR SEXUAL CRIMES

London, March 26

Sex crimes, increasing alarmingly in Britain, call for medical treatment of offenders rather than punishment, the Home Office has been advised.

Detailed suggestions to curb and cure men responsible for the growing number of attacks on children and women were made by a committee of 13 physicians and magistrates after months of painstaking study.

Six physicians who assisted in the study were appointed by the British Medical Association.

The committee, on which two women served, emphasised that it is not advocating softer treatment of sex offenders. In fact, the medical and psychiatric treatments proposed would in many instances last longer than prison terms now commonly imposed.

But the approach, the committee advised, should be along medical and scientific lines rather than mere punishment for crime.

Numerous changes in the legal attitude toward sex crimes are suggested. They include: Trial of offenders by magistrates and medical officers rather than by expert juries. Examination of the accused by qualified experts rather than by lawyers exclusively.

Confinement of convicted persons in special prisons or departments of prisons in which cure for mental and physical abnormalities might be undertaken.

Private Hearings. Indeterminate sentences, the length to be determined by the physical and mental condition of offenders rather than by an inflexible penal code.

Simplification of court procedure to enable authorities to get full information from timid children and women who are victims of sex offenders.

Hearing of some phases of sex trials in private to shield victims from publicity which might be psychologically damaging.

Closer observation of all children, especially at the age of puberty, to detect and arrest

Under the present legal procedure they are, by and large, treated alike, whereas the scientific approaches should be quite different, the committee said. If advised that after guilt is established a medical examination be made to assist the court in determining a proper sentence or treatment.

Several of the magistrates who served on the committee said that in many instances, normal injuries are inflicted to judge sex crimes because occasionally details are so horrible that they cannot be conceived or even believed by normal persons. Passing of judgments, they held, is a task for specialists—judges and scientifically trained experts.

Chinese Oath

Basil Henriques, one of the magistrates on the committee was especially concerned over the problem of getting evidence from frightened children. He said the usual courtroom atmosphere, with wigged judges and counsel, the solemn jury and many spectators, frequently is terrifying.

He advised that procedure be as informal as possible. He doubted that children grasp the meaning of the British oath. At a press conference he observed: "I favour the Chinese form of oath in these cases—the child blowing out a candle and saying something like 'may I be puffed out as this candle is puffed out if I tell a lie.'"

On the aspect of court procedure, the committee observed that "swearing by God" is futile in many cases because "regrettably many children are being taught nothing about God."

The committee's report is not binding on the Home Office, but it is expected that the suggestions advanced will be a guide to official consideration of sex crime problems.—Associated Press.

Will They Be Red-Faced!

Vienna, March 26.

A Viennese scientist has claimed that a spray which he has invented will help the police to identify criminals.

The liquid, designed for use in water pistols, stains clothes and skin a bright scarlet.

It also gives, out a penetrating unpleasant smell for several days.—Reuter.

Dutch Decision On Java

The Hague, March 25.

The Dutch Cabinet, in its special meeting on Thursday night, made provisional decisions on its future course of action in Indonesia. It was officially announced today.

Nothing was said, however, on the nature of these decisions. It was generally felt here, however, that the Government would be willing to permit the Indonesian Republic leaders to return to their capital of Jogjakarta on condition that the Indonesian guerrilla fighting would cease and that the Republic will take part in the round table conference to be held in the Hague.

The decision have been sent for consideration to Dr. J. M. Beel, High Representative of the Crown in Indonesia, and Dr. J. H. Van Royen, Dutch delegate to the United Nations.

The announcement also said that in the event of preliminary discussions being held in Indonesia in line with the ruling of the Security Council, the Netherlands Government intends to appoint Dr. Van Royen head of the Dutch delegation.—Associated Press.

INDONESIAN ALLEGATION

New York, March 26.

The Republic of Indonesia Office here said yesterday that several hundred persons were killed and wounded on Thursday in an attack on Wonosari, Java, by 20 Dutch planes.

Wonosari is about 40 miles South East of Jogjakarta, the Republican capital which the Dutch have occupied since December. The Republican Office asserted that 1,000 Dutch infantry and 400 paratroops are engaged in the Wonosari fighting.

The Office said also that casualties in Java since December total 150,000.—Associated Press.

Communists Get Notice

Capetown, March 25.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, served notice on the Communists today that his Government is determined to act in the matter of their activities in the Union.

"The time has passed," the Premier told the Union Assembly, when the Government of this country will allow Communist activities to take their course. My Government is determined to act in his matter and I ask that notice of this be taken.

"The time for Communist activities here is past—I hope for all time."—Reuter.

EISENHOWER ILL

Washington, March 25.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower is ill and has been urged to cancel all official and social engagements, the Defence Department announced today.

General Eisenhower, President of Columbia University, is on temporary duty as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The announcement said that the general is suffering from severe gastro-enteritis.—Reuter.

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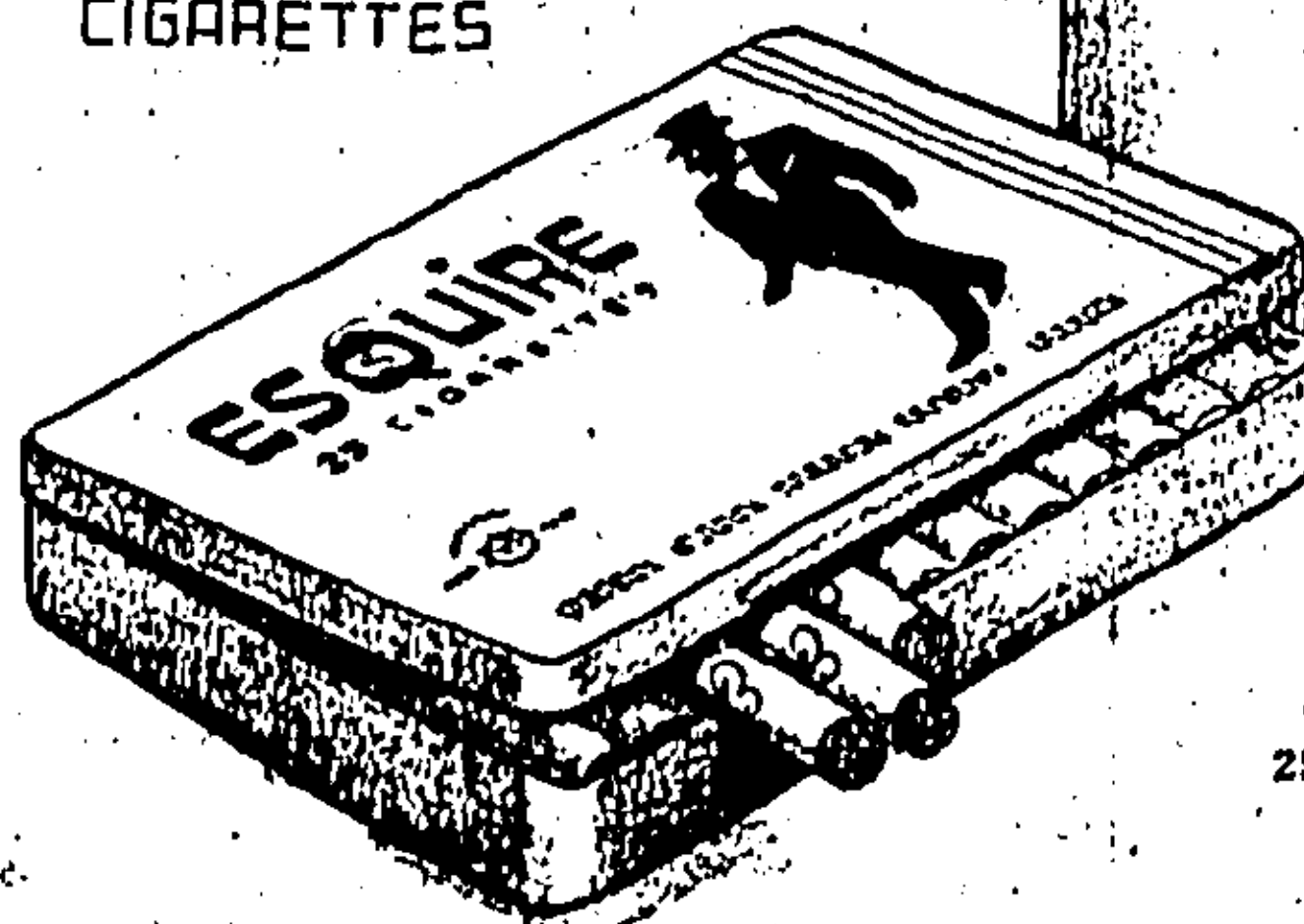
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THINGS WILL SIZZLE IN SOUTH AFRICA NOW

Mr. Gallup, of America, who got a headache through mis-forecasting the United States Presidential elections, would be all set for a nervous breakdown if he had been operating here during the Union's provincial elections.

Even if he had forecast them correctly, he wouldn't be allowed to get away with it by the United Press—which means every English newspaper in South Africa.

The figures that gave the Nationalists an outright victory have been so twisted, squeezed, padded, and pulled into a victory for General Smuts's United Party that Mr. Gallup would have spots before his eyes.

The facts are that Prime Minister Malan's Nationalist Party have been confirmed in power by the voters of South Africa; that the Nationalists who went to the polls 43 seats behind the United Party in all four Provinces, finished up five seats ahead of the combined United Party, Labour and Independents—a gain of 45 seats.

You do not have to be Euclid to prove who won.

'Victory' Claim

You would think, then, that United Party would get busy immediately, planning a counter-offensive to restore this lost ground, but instead they are celebrating their 'victory'.

While Smuts says: "A great majority of the electorate all over the country have once again voted for the United Party," Malan says: "We can only assume that the United Party have suffered a fresh defeat, and that the verdict of the people nine months ago has been confirmed."

If the United Party hope to return to power in General Smuts's political lifetime they will have to stop kidding themselves that they won this election and organize for battle.

Business Now

Now Dr. Malan gets down to business. Having been given what he rightly considers a vote of confidence as distinct from a mandate—things are going to sizzle in South Africa in the next few months.

First there is every likelihood that the "marriage" of incongruence between the Nationalists and the Afrikaner Party will soon come unstuck. Dr. Malan and his Cabinet feel that the time is ripe to liberate themselves from the bonds imposed on them by Finance Minister Havenga, the Afrikaner Party leader and holder of the Nationalist majority in Parliament.

Whatever love existed between the two parties flew seawards at Capetown when Havenga announced he was boycotting the provincial elections and was forbidding his party to vote Nationalist. Malan won without his spouse's help, though undoubtedly some Afrikaner Party lads disobeyed orders, and the betting is that a political divorce will soon be arranged.

Dr. Malan is expected to defy his "better half" over the wiping out of native representation in Parliament as the first shot in his Apartheid programme—but not until he has rushed through the elections in South-West Africa.

There the Nationalists are bound to win five out of six seats for representation in the Union Parliament, and Malan will hitch up with the strapping young men of the former German colony.

That could mean "the end" of the Afrikaner Party in South Africa. It should also shake the United Party out of their Micawber-like attitude to a situation that demands an immediate "blood, toil, tears, and sweat" approach.

During the election campaign I attended meetings of both parties, and got the impression that the United Party candidates traded too much on their leader's fame and not enough on their own merits.

Some of the Nationalist meetings sickened me with their racial bitterness. I felt that the speakers were looking down the narrow

By
NOEL MONKS

sights of those ancient Boer rifles. Whenever the word "immigrant" was mentioned there were choruses of derision, as though the Voortrekkers were the only ones who worked up any sweat in building this country.

It was hoped by the United Party that the Nationalist Government's introduction of austerity measures touching the lives of every South African on the eve of the elections would cause a landslide in their favour. It didn't work out that way.

The Union is in for tough six months economically, but that is not expected to halt Malan's Apartheid plans.

While the economic blizzard rages across the veldt and swells around the cities the Nationalists are determined to push ahead with legislation aimed at putting the Union's 8,000,000 natives in their place—a world of their own.

Natives Barred

The first step will be the removing of native representation in Parliament, and that's where

the not-too-beautiful political partnership between the Nationalists and the Afrikaner Party will go on the rocks. Havenga has forbidden Malan to proceed with that measure unless assured of a two-thirds majority in the House.

The extremists in Malan's Cabinet—Swart, Justice Minister; Strydom, Lands Minister (already named as first President of the Union, Republic); and Erasmus, Defence Minister—are striding at the beach to get cracking on their racial and republican policies.

Even if it does mean political divorce for Malan, these "able young men" feel stronger after the provincial elections and will be hard to check. Before June the Union might well be involved in a general election.

Meanwhile, any day now a demand will be reaching Whitehall from the Union Government regarding the incorporation of the three British High Commission "orphan" territories—Bechuanaland, Swaziland, and Basutoland—into the Union of South Africa. This is one of Mr. Erasmus's pet "musts." He seems to think the security of the Union is in jeopardy as long as the Union lacks flies over those three territories.

Actually, it isn't weren't for the position of the 900,000 natives who are so heavily concerned about the transfer, the three territories could well be absorbed into the Union. Economically and geographically they belong now.

Perhaps the best test of the manner in which the Nationalists are tightening their grip on South Africa is the fact that no one was surprised that they won the provincial elections except perhaps the United Party executive.

South Africa is considerably nearer becoming a republic today than it was last week.

Rice Feeds Flames Of Burma's War

By Michael Massey

Rice trade experts are expressing grave doubts whether Burma will be able to keep her contract to ship overseas one and a quarter million tons of rice—the result of the bumper rice harvests.

The rice is available, they say, but road, river and rail communications are now so disrupted that Rangoon, the country's main port, is almost isolated from the irrawaddy delta—known as Burma's rice bowl.

Grain stocks have been looted or destroyed. At Insein, a Northern Rangoon suburb where fighting between Government supporters and Karens is now entering its fourth week, tens of thousands of tons of rice have been burnt.

There is optimism that as soon as normal communications are restored vital food for the rest of the world will be found still safe in granaries which have so far escaped not only the ravages of the war but also the hands of the looters.

Famine Fears

While many parts of the world reported bumper harvests last

year, India is still faced with serious food shortages and even famine in some areas.

Desperately short of dollars, India is faced with the prospect of having to import some 3,000,000 tons of grain this year. It is estimated on this basis that food imports will swallow almost 70 per cent of the country's total export earnings.

Australia is supplying 25,000-600 bushels of cut-price wheat, and Italy is to send 6,000 tons of rice.

India's disastrous failure in feeding her people although partly due to the weather, is also largely caused by out-of-date farming methods, the refusal of the peasants to use fertilisers, and the refusal of the people in the towns and cities to eat alternative foods when the regular diet of rice and wheat runs short.

Food for Europeans and Westernised Indians is plentiful, and Pandit Nehru has tried unsuccessfully to introduce sweet potato eating as an alternative.

But the people refuse to change from their monotonous diet of rice, curry and wheatcakes once or twice daily.

Harsh Facts About Our Armed Forces

The debate in the House of Commons has shown a mounting anxiety about the state of our national defence.

This mounting anxiety when the present state of our armed forces is seen against the background of the vast military commitments we have undertaken in the Western Union alliance, which will be itself integrated with the wider Atlantic Union defence pact, to be signed at the beginning of April.

Salient Fact

Great as are the burdens which we have assumed under these agreements, no possible doubt exists but that in our present deplorable state of unpreparedness we should be in an infinitely

By Our Diplomatic
Correspondent

more dangerous and exposed position in the face of armed aggression from the East, were we to stand on our own.

Here are some unpleasant facts concerning the resources at our disposal, in relation to what we are committed to contribute.

The salient fact is that in the event of an outbreak of war at the present time, or at an early date, we should not be able to put at the disposal of Western Union more than two fighting divisions.

It has even been stated in Parliament that we might not be able to manage more than one!

In the event of war in a year's time we could, at the utmost, contribute four fighting divisions, but three is more likely to be the limit.

Our Army is top heavy with staff and training organisations. South Africa with the training of National Service men—as a field army it is at the present time practically non-existent.

Even in a year's time, according to present estimates, it will comprise only some 370,000 men—smaller force than we put into the field in either of the two world wars.

Of this force only some 170,000 men will be Regulars, the remaining 200,000 being National Service men.

A Long Wait

From this human material, in addition to our contribution of fighting divisions to Western Union, we have to reckon that a large number of men are always required for administrative purposes, guarding vital points and lines of communication, and for defence purposes throughout the Empire, including what are termed "police" matters.

It is understood that Field-Marshal Slim, our new Chief of the Imperial General Staff, intends to whittle down the staff organisations and build up the fighting divisions. More power to his elbow. But this will necessarily take time.

In view of our Western Union commitments we need a considerable expansion of our Regular Army, and the Government says this will be done. But the former shilly-shallyings of the Government over the length of National Service has created a state of affairs which necessarily lengthens the time required to reorganise.

The RAF—in spite of optimistically worded Government statements—will not be able to have jet bombers for about another four years. Governmental references to some of these being in flight before long are misleading. There will soon be the prototypes.

But it will take a long time before our Air Force is equipped with these machines.

This is why the RAF is soon to have American piston-driven B-29 Super-Forts.

The Navy has been reduced to a shadow of its old self. In the event of war the American Atlantic Fleet, now taking the place of the American Pacific Fleet as the main naval force of the U.S., will be the principal naval element of Atlantic Union.

The Target

The British Navy will come under a supreme American naval commander when Atlantic Union functions in time of war.

If we look at these facts—the Army once alone will do—in the light of the Western Union defence plans, what do we find? We find that under the Western Union defence plan, in the case of an early emergency, we have to provide five divisions, one of them airborne; the French 15; the three Benelux countries (Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg) three between them.

Yet in the event of an emergency now, we could not provide more than two divisions; or three or four if an emergency came about in a year's time.

It is to be doubted if France and the Benelux countries could fulfil the plan either if an emergency happened in the near future.

The eventual target is 60 divisions, 40 French, 14 British, and Benelux six.

But it is the smaller and more immediate target which is at present the matter for concern.

Supposing?

Under the Western Union and Atlantic Union plans the British Army, along with the Armies of France, Belgium, Holland, and Luxembourg, will have to meet the first shock of an attack in Western Europe.

It will be required to "hold" the military position in Western Europe pending the arrival of American and Canadian forces.

Our Army at present is not in the position to undertake such a task. Indeed, the White Paper on defence gives the impression that our Whitehall planners are unaware that the Western Union commitments exist at all.

Is it any wonder that the realistic General de Gaulle has stigmatised the Western Union defence set-up as a "paper scheme"?

To this pass has our Labour Government reduced our military position, in spite of the vast new commitments we have undertaken in connection with Western Union and Atlantic Union.

Our new Chief of the Imperial General Staff is doing his best to remedy this state of affairs.

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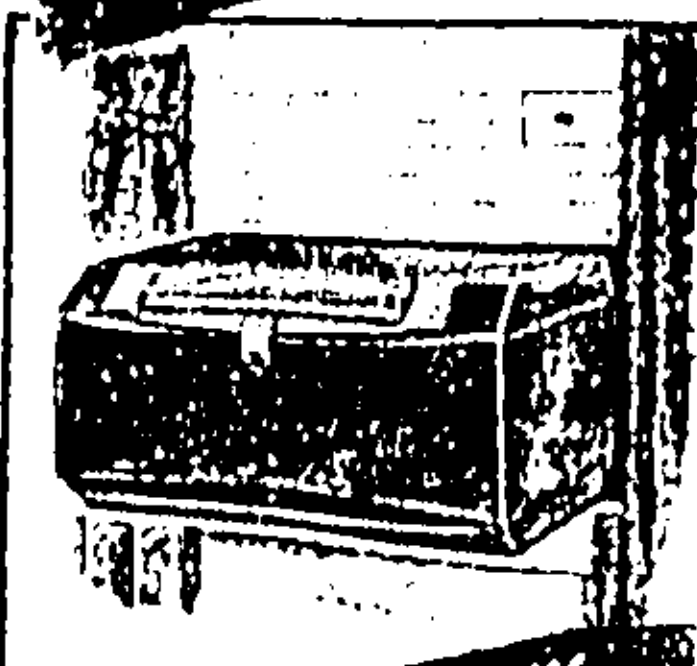
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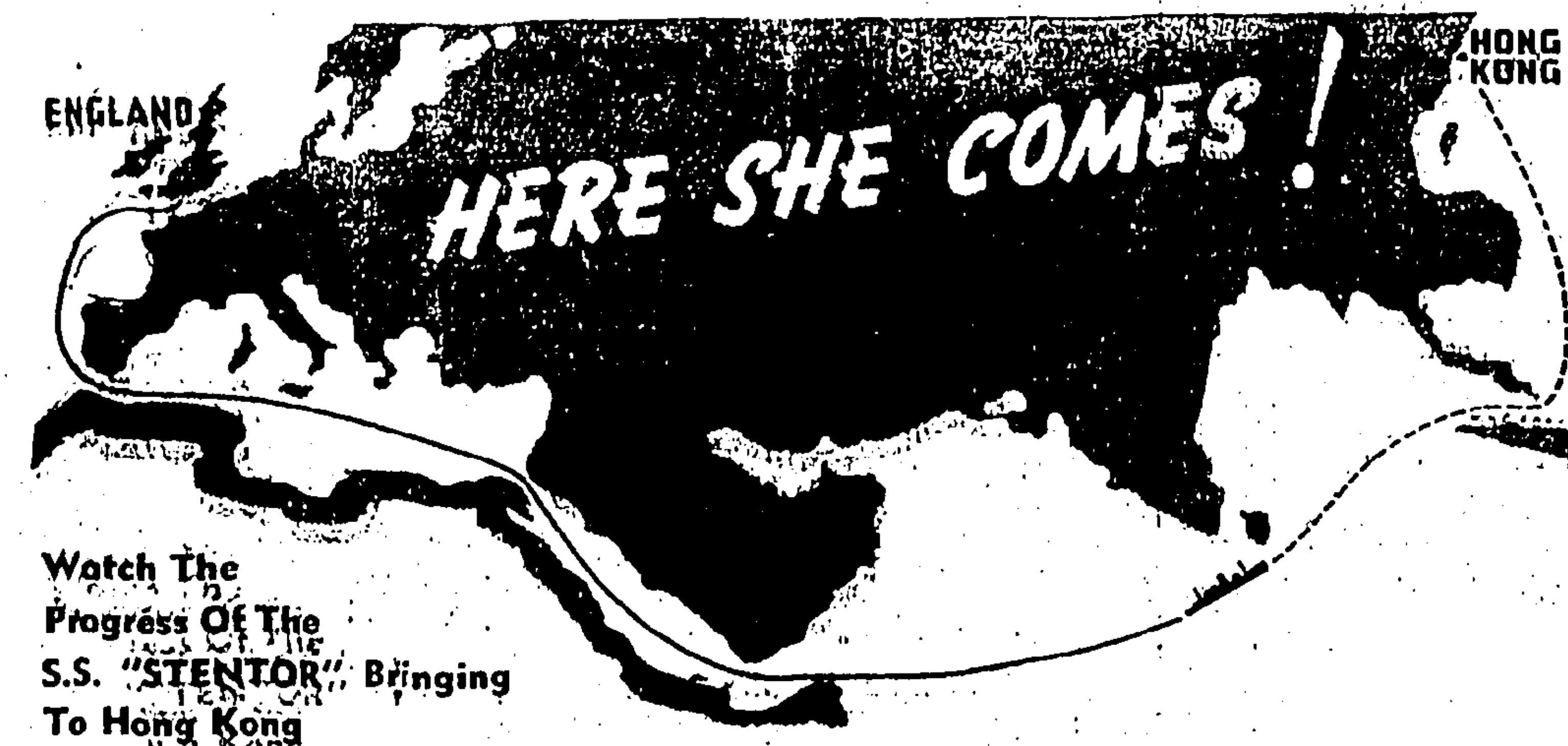


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PALESTINE TALKS MAY
BE HELD IN GENEVA

Beirut, March 25.

The Palestine Conciliation Commission is considering calling a round-table Palestine peace conference in Geneva.

After five days' discussion with the Arab countries on a possible solution of the problem presented by the Arab refugees, the Commission believes the matter can only be settled in conjunction with a permanent settlement.

Result
Of Moscow
Changes

Moscow, March 25.

Only one member of the Politburo—Alexey Kosygin, 44, Minister of Light Industry—now holds a Cabinet portfolio following today's announcement that Marshall Nikolai Bulganin has been relieved of his duties as Minister of the Armed Forces.

M. Kosygin and Maxim Saburov, newly-appointed Chief of the State Planning Commission, are the only two Deputy Chairmen of the Council of Ministers to hold portfolios.

The other Deputy Chairman are M. Vyacheslav Molotov, M. Lavrent'ev, M. Andrei Andreyev, M. Anastas Mikoyan, M. Georgiy Malenkov, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, Marshal Voroshilov, M. Lazar Kaganovich, M. Alexander Yefremov (appointed this month) and M. Vyacheslav Malyshev.

All the Deputy Chairmen are Politburo members except M. Yefremov, M. Malyshev and Saburov.

The tendency in the recent Cabinet changes, according to informed Western observers, appears to be to relieve the Politburo members and Deputy Chairmen of departmental responsibility, leaving them time to devote their energies to overall organisation.

The total number of Ministers in the USSR is 48, but during the past year they have been reduced by amalgamations from nearly 60.—Reuter.

The Commission has heard the views of the Lebanon, Syria, Transjordan, Egypt, Iraq and Saudi Arabia (which is also representing the Yemen—the seventh Arab League State) in the last few days.

It has also received verbal and written statements from a number of unofficial bodies, including the so-called Gaza Palestine Government, the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, headed by the Mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin El Husseini, and a number of other Arab groups.

Negotiations for a permanent truce between Syria and Israel are expected to start on April 2.

The Israeli-Transjordan armistice negotiations in Rhodes have been speeded up with the arrival there today of Lieutenant-Colonel Moshe Rayan, head of the Israeli military team, and Shabtai Rosenne, Foreign Ministry legal adviser, who helped conclude the armistice pact between Israel and the Lebanon.

Lieutenant Colonel Dayan, who spent more than a week in Israel conferring with military and Government leaders, hopes the new pact will be signed within a week.

Akaba Issue

Brigadier-General William Riley, United Nations Palestine Chief of Staff, and M. Henri Vigier, personal representative of Dr. Ralph Bunche, United Nations Acting Mediator for Palestine, also arrived in Rhodes today from Nakura prior to conducting the Israeli-Syrian talks at a village South of Lake Tiberias in a few days' time.

Mr. George McGhee, co-ordinator of United States aid in Greece and Turkey, arrived in Rhodes today to confer with Dr. Bunche on special problems—the nature of which is being kept a close secret.

Israel has no aggressive intentions against Transjordan, but considers an outlet to the Red Sea as essential for the Negev area as Haifa was for the rest of Israel, the source said.—Reuter.

Explosion
Near Trieste

Rome, March 25.

A power magazine exploded during the night at Otella, damaging buildings and causing a number of casualties, according to Ansa, the Italian news agency, quoting a report from Trieste.

Ansa said the Yugoslav police had arrested three people. Otella is near Aduzzina, North of Trieste, and on the Italian side of the Yugoslav border. Reports of the explosion were said by Ansa to have been given by people arriving in Trieste today from the Otella area.

These people said the explosion was believed due to Communist saboteurs, according to the agency.—Reuter.

Israel As A
Member Of U.N.

Lake Success, March 25.

Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, thinks it is highly probable that Israel will be admitted into the United Nations at the forthcoming Assembly session.

Mr. Lie estimates the forthcoming Assembly session will last between four and six weeks. He said that the Security Council, which approved Israel's application for membership recently, had sent the question to Dr. Herbert Evatt, President of the General Assembly.

Dr. Lie said that Dr. Evatt had informed the President of the Security Council that he would expedite the matter as much as possible.—Reuter.

Kaiser's
Son Dead

Stuttgart, March 25.

Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia died this morning in hospital after a prolonged illness. He was 62.

Last year, Prince August Wilhelm was charged as a minor offender by a German denazification court. A demand last November for his extradition to the Russian Zone was rejected by the Ministry of Justice in Wuertemberg-Baden.

In January, 1945, a few months after the Prince had joined the Nazi Party, the ex-Kaiser insisted on his leaving it on pain of losing his rights as a member of the Royal Family and his Royal income.

The Prince declared emphatically that he would not abandon Hitler, even though it might mean a rupture with his family.—Reuter.

ENVOY'S MISHAP

Petropolis, March 25.

A car driven by the Turkish Ambassador to Brazil, Husser Gerede, collided with a bus and skidded onto the pavement hitting a group of girls, killing one and injuring four.

The Turkish Ambassador told the police that he did his utmost to avoid hitting the girls but he lost control when his car skidded.—Associated Press

Germany's Statute
Meets New Snag

Bonn, March 25.

The draft constitution for Germany, which has been under debate by German leaders for months, is still running into snags.

The Allied Liaison Officers here today informed leaders of the West German Constituent Assembly that their latest proposals for changes in the draft Constitution, made in response to Allied criticism, do not correspond to the principles laid down in the Allied memorandum of March 2.

The Allied officers did not state which specific points had occasioned the rejection and refused to hear any further statement from the Germans.

They said that, in the opinion of the Military Governors, the Germans had now been sufficiently informed of the Allied point of view.

It is up to them now to take responsibility for passing an acceptable Constitution. It is understood that the failure to give specific reasons for the rejection of the latest German proposals is due to disagreement among the Allied representatives on the points in question.

The main bone of contention is believed to be the German insistence that taxes, shared between the Federal Government and the States, should be collected by Federal agencies, who should be responsible for passing to each State its share.—Reuter.

HITLER DIPLOMATS
BUSY IN GERMANY

Frankfurt, March 25.

Socialist fears that West Germany's present Conservative administration is building up a "secret foreign office" with diplomatic personnel left over from Nazi days were voiced during the budget debate in the Bizonal Economic Council here today.

The fears, voiced by Herr Erwin Schoettle, Social Democratic Party leader in the Council, were given point by recent German press statements in favour of a German foreign policy independent of the Western Powers.

These statements were made in defence of the Godesberg secret meeting of the Bizonal Chief Executive, Dr. Hermann Puender, and other influential Conservative politicians and businessmen from the Bizonal with Herr Rudolf Nadolny, former German Ambassador to Moscow.

Herr Schoettle said Dr. Puender and some of his responsible advisers had engaged in shady experiments in foreign policy. He said Dr. Puender was employing his foreign policy adviser Dr. Ernst Eisele, who, as Hitler's envoy in Prague, had been a tool of Nazi expansionist policy during the most critical period of European history.

Herr Schoettle alleged that the Foreign Trade Department of the Bizonal Economic Administration, headed by Dr. Willrich von Maltzan, another ex-diplomat, was "reorganising its duties and secretly trying to build up a new diplomatic service."

By participating in the Godesberg meeting Dr. Puender has got himself into an embarrassing position, and compromised Germany in the eyes of the world, Herr Schoettle added. Though Dr. Eisele had not been accused of war crimes, his role as a tool of Nazi policy was proved by the Nuremberg trial evidence, Dr. Schoettle alleged, depositing two volumes of the Nuremberg minutes on the table of the Council and inviting the House to study them.

"Shady Experiments" He concluded with a warning to Dr. Puender and his colleagues in the Executive Council to keep within the limited framework of their assigned duties and to avoid shady experiments in foreign policy, which could only discredit Germany.

The issue has arisen as a consequence of Allied promises that a future West German Government will be allowed to maintain Consular staffs abroad for trade negotiations. The Allies have made it clear that foreign policy proper will remain an Allied prerogative, reserved under the Occupation Statute.

The Socialist grievance is that the present Bizonal Administration has put preparations for the new Consular Service into the hands of former professional diplomats of doubtful antecedents who regard this as an opportunity for building up a shadow foreign ministry.—Reuter.

Film Breach
Expected To
Be Healed

New York, March 26.

J. Arthur Rank, British movie magnate who scared Hollywood into a near depression, said today that he expected the breach between the two industries would be healed when the Anglo-American Film Advisory Council held its first meeting in Washington next month.

"When reasonable people sit around a table, they usually come to a reasonable agreement," said Mr. Rank in an interview aboard the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Hollywood's retaliation against the high-British film quota has driven the British industry into a slump, although Mr. Rank said his box office receipts were only 10 to 15 per cent below the 1940 peak.

He also said that in his 600 cinemas in the last six months, British films of all grades averaged higher at the box office than American pictures. He said the recent closing of studios and laying-off of hundreds of workers and technicians were designed to streamline his organisation.

Receipts Lower Other sources attributed this to the failure of all-British film programmes to maintain the high receipts which Hollywood pictures had brought into the box offices in other years.

Mr. Rank said he had not been advised in advance of the cutting of the British quota, which was announced in Britain last night. Under the new quota, effective October, the time British films must give British films is cut to 40 per cent.

"We can make enough pictures to fill a 40 per cent quota," said Mr. Rank, adding that there was no danger of nationalisation of the film industry in Britain.

Also on the Queen Elizabeth was the veteran screen actor, Erich von Stroheim, who said the French film industry was suffering from high costs and lack of money.—United Press.

THIS HAS
FAMILIAR
RING

London, March 25.

The Foreign Office today called for a report from the British Legation at Bern on a speech yesterday by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, President of the German Parliamentary Assembly at Bonn.

Dr. Adenauer was quoted in one London newspaper report as saying: "It was the German Army and not the German people that capitulated, and this the world had better remember."

Dr. Adenauer was also reported to have strongly criticised the occupation policy of the Western Powers.

The Foreign Office spokesman said in London today: "If this report is true, we should deprecate it as portending ill for the future of German democracy."

He added that so far no report of Dr. Adenauer's speech has reached the Foreign Office, but that a full account of the meeting is being asked for.—Reuter.

MARSHALL SEES
CHURCHILL

Washington, March 25.

Mr. Winston Churchill today reminisced over oldtime experiences with General George C. Marshall when the veteran general and former Secretary of State, who was one of Mr. Churchill's closest associates in World War II, called on Mr. Churchill at the British Embassy here.

General Marshall, who is now in retirement, came up from his home in Leesburg, Virginia, yesterday to attend the dinner which President Truman gave in Mr. Churchill's honour.—Reuter.

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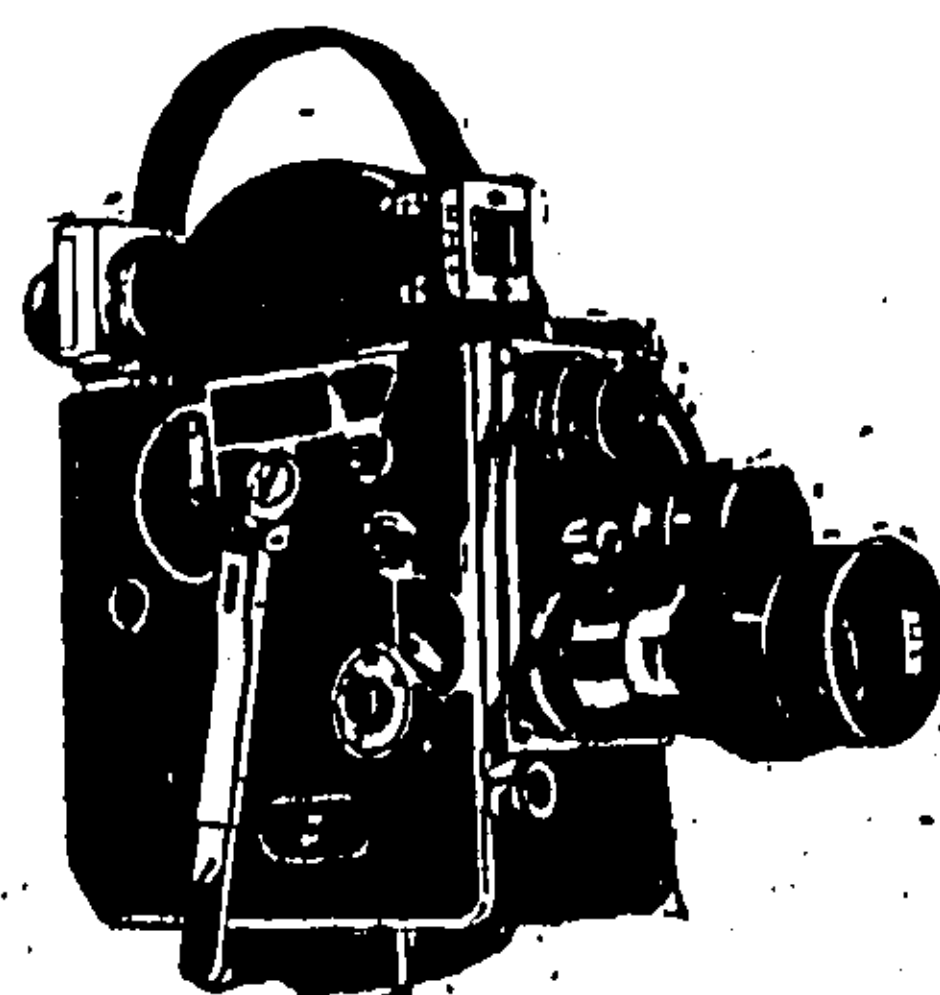
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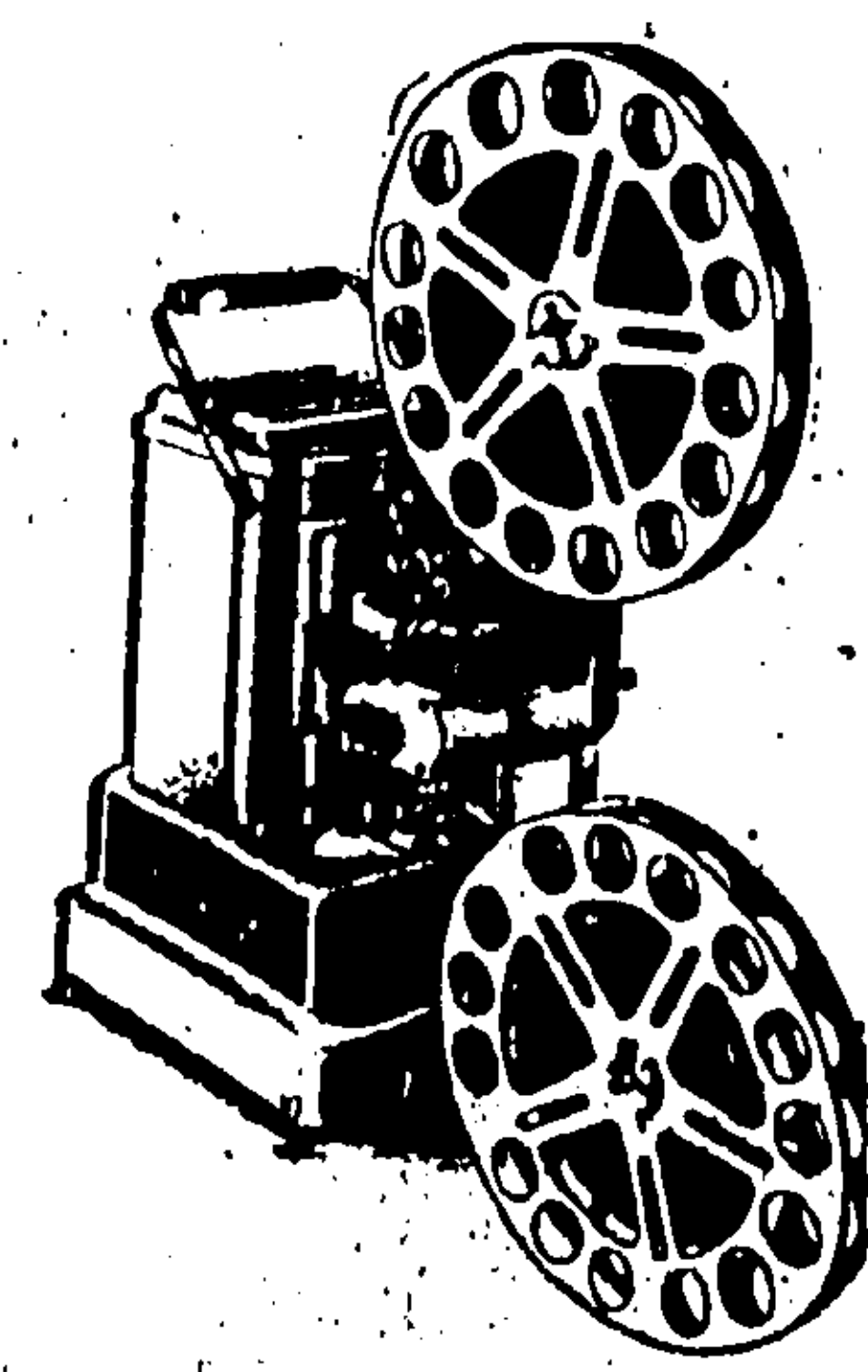


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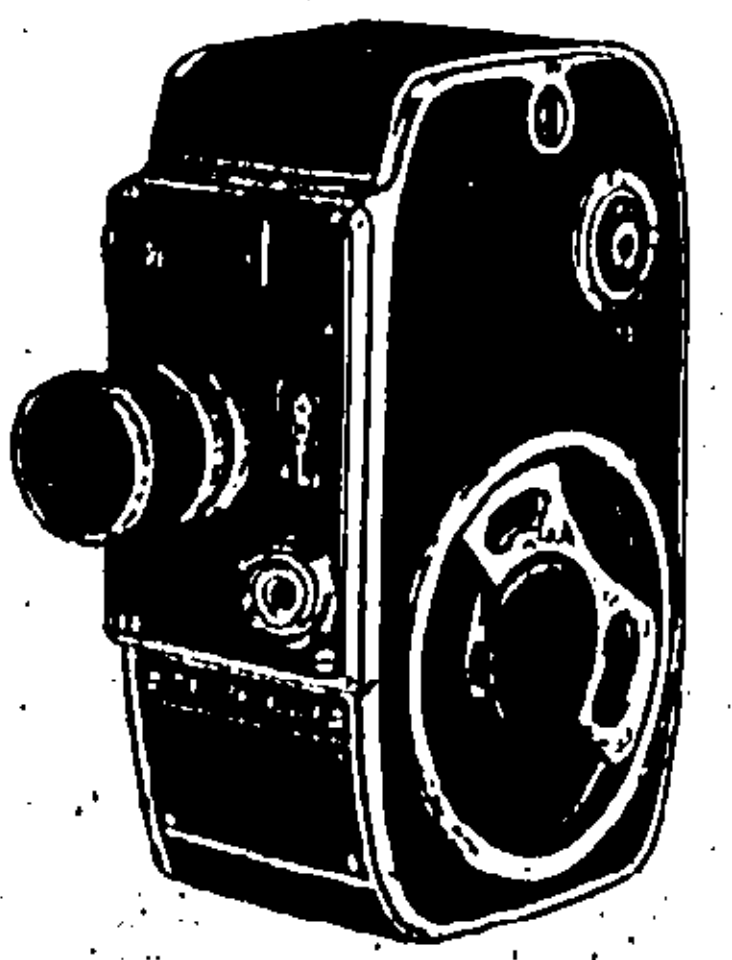
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He shook his head. "I couldn't," he said. "I'm a dick, Lila. My mind works better when I'm close to things."

"Get off the Force—before they kick you off—"

He interrupted again. "No," he said. "I'd stick—and let them kick me off. Then I'd take a train out of Centre City. I'd come in quick enough—and try to keep out of sight. But we may be wrong, Lila. Chad might be—"

"He isn't," she said softly. "And he didn't leave me, Gil. He didn't have—that much courage."

A phone bell sounded, across the room. Lila Kennell started towards it, but Gil Baggart stopped her.

"Let me take it," he said. "I'm supposed to be questioning you. And it may be bad news."

He went to the phone and heard Sergeant Lachne's voice, from Headquarters. He said:

"This is Baggart. Got anything for me, Sergeant?"

"Brooker and Cummings found the car—out on the State Road, back of Centre Dam. They were patrolling. It was down a hill—about 30 or 40 feet down. All smashed to hell. Kennell was underneath—he was the same way."

Baggart took a deep breath and said in a steady tone:

"Yes? Did they identify the car?" The sergeant said it was one that had been stolen from in front of the railroad station, two weeks ago. The plates were from another car. And what about the dead man?

Gil Baggart said: "Notify the coroner—handle it just like any accident case. I'll be out there in 20 minutes. Anything else?"

The sergeant said a body had been found in White River—below the city. It hadn't been identified. He'd been shot in the back and stomach.

Gil said: "Well—handle that in the regular way, too. Don't bother Mrs. Kennell—I'll speak to her while I'm here."

He hung up and faced Lila Kennell. "Chad's been found. He was underneath a car that went over a hill—beyond Centre Dam. It was probably—all very quick."

"Chad wouldn't have stopped them much," she said tonelessly. "Even if they couldn't see it. They'd have got what they wanted. But what was it?"

"Well—they've got Riskamp lined up for mayor. Maybe they wanted Grayber out, in a hurry. Maybe they didn't want to—gun him out. And there are other reasons—"

"Who did it, Gil? Bradwell—or Maxlin?"

Baggart shook his head. "You know I can't answer that," he said.

Lila Kennell spoke in a slow, steady voice. She said, as though something had ended—and something had begun. "Can you beat them, Gil?"

He shrugged. "I might," he told her quietly. "The city's soft now—softer than it's ever been, I guess. It'll be tough."

"Chad wasn't strong, Gil."

He nodded. "I know—but he stood for something. And he was going down slowly. He'd have quit in two weeks, but he might have advised. He might have tried to come back, if things got too bad. That was why—"

He broke off and she finished for him. "That was why—they murdered him?"

"Perhaps. Well, it's done. Chad's dead. Grayber's dead. Bradwell and Maxlin are alive—and a few others—"

He shrugged.

Lila said: "Well—I fell pretty badly. I won't pretend it's going to kill me—because it isn't. But I can hate, Gil—I'm good at that. And I hate the way—"

She rose abruptly from the divan, turned her back to him. Her shoulders were straight, she stood erect. She started to cry again.

Our Serial Story

MURDER FOR SALE

By Raoul Whitfield

"We'll see—what we can do, Lila. Chad was—a pretty good guy. Centre City's worth saving. It's getting big—it should get big right."

Lila Kennell faced him. "There'll be more killings—more people hurt—"

He nodded. "Of course," he said. "But there'll be killings, anyway. Decent cities have 'em, Lila."

She said in a tired voice: "Chad's dead. Grayber's dead. What it means is—"

She stopped, shrugged her shoulders. Gil Baggart went close to her, but didn't touch her. He spoke very quietly.

"What it means is that some big shots have spotted a city they figure is soft. Right for a plucking. They're ruthless. They'll mob each other out—and they'll mob decent men out, to get big coin. The big coin's here, Centre City has it. And it has a police force that isn't exactly rotten—but just—soft."

She said nothing. Her eyes seemed to be looking beyond Gil Baggart. He said:

"It means that Bradwell and Maxlin are big shots—and the police haven't got anything on them. With someone taking Grayber's place—they may not want to get anything. Or maybe they're not bright enough. It's a death scrap—to drag power from Centre City."

Lila Kennell said bitterly: "Power—and money. And life!"

"I'm going out to the wrecked car now," she followed him to the door of the big house. There was an expression deep in her blue eyes that he couldn't figure. He hadn't expected collapse—but she seemed hard.

She said, "Gil—you've got to be careful now."

He spoke very quietly. "Of course I have. From now on—Centre City won't be soft—for me."

CHAPTER V

For three days the papers made a big splurge, the police run around in circles, leading citizens protested—and several hundred minor criminals were dragged to Headquarters for questioning. Four were held, though none was guilty of murder, Gil knew that. On the fourth day the City Council shoved Riskamp in as mayor. First Class Detective Don Vannic was stepped up over the veteran Charlie Updike and over Gilbert Baggart, the logical man for the Bureau Head.

The body of Timmer was found in White River.

Gil met Updike at headquarters. "The new chief wants to see you, Gil," he said slowly. "Hope you have better luck than I did."

Gil said slowly: "I won't. What about you, Charlie?"

Updike said: "Shake up—transferred to Clifford Park. No explanation, other than that he wants strange faces along the river sections."

Gil Baggart went to the room at one end of the corridor. Don Vannic sat back of the desk at which Grayber had sat.

"No hard feelings, Baggart?" he asked. "I was pretty surprised at the shove up, myself."

Gil Baggart's voice was toneless: "Congratulations, Vannic." He thought: "This is where I get shoved off the Force."

Vannic's poker face smiled a little. He said slowly:

"I want you to work the Kennell kill, Baggart."

Gil had figured wrong. The new Bureau head wasn't going to let him off as easily as he had thought.

Vannic continued: "I'd watch Maxlin—I don't think he was in the kill car, but it was his mob."

"How about the motive, Chief?" Baggart asked.

Vannic shrugged. "Maxlin wanted something—and Kennell was in the way. He had him taken for a ride. Grayber was pretty keen, Baggart—so he figured he'd better get him out of things, too. And maybe he was sore at me. I'd saved Bradwell—while I was really tryin' to save my own neck. Maybe he thought I was crossing the Force, and working with Bradwell."

Gil said calmly: "Hell—no one would think that way, Chief."

Vannic's eyes flickered. Then he grinned.

"That's my guess. Anyway—you work the murder of Kennell. I've got Black and Tiller on the Grayber kill."

Gil Baggart said: "All right. How about Timmer?"

Vannic shrugged. "Timmer and that gun Maxlin was using in the car I squeezed lead at—they don't figure much. Cass and Rooney—they're just dead guns. That's Maxlin's loss—and Bradwell's gain. But we've got to

watch Bradwell, too. Me—I figure he's on the level. He's quitting the racket."

Gil said: "Well—maybe he is. I'll work on Maxlin, Chief. But it may be slow."

Vannic bent over some papers on his desk. It seemed to Gil that his lips quivered a little. But he made no sound. He nodded. After a few seconds he said:

"Yeah—it'll be slow, Baggart. But you're the man for the job."

Gil said quietly: "I'll report every few days, Chief."

Vannic nodded. "Every few days—sure," he agreed.

Bradwell kept his big head lowered towards the tense, seated figure of Don Vannic. It was almost dusk—but there were no lights on in the office in the Lumber Building.

"I don't like it, Don—turning that dick loose."

Vannic grunted. "He won't last long. And while he does last the only thing he can do is hurt Guy Maxlin."

Bradwell frowned. "He was close to Kennell," he breathed. "The woman's still around. She's got money—and maybe she's sore."

Vannic shook his head. "She was sick of Kennell," he said slowly. "A lot of people knew that. He didn't have enough guts for her."

"Just the same," Bradwell said, "I don't like it."

"There's been a lot of killing. We got to make a show. Updike and Baggart are the wise ones. If they get going the wrong direction—"

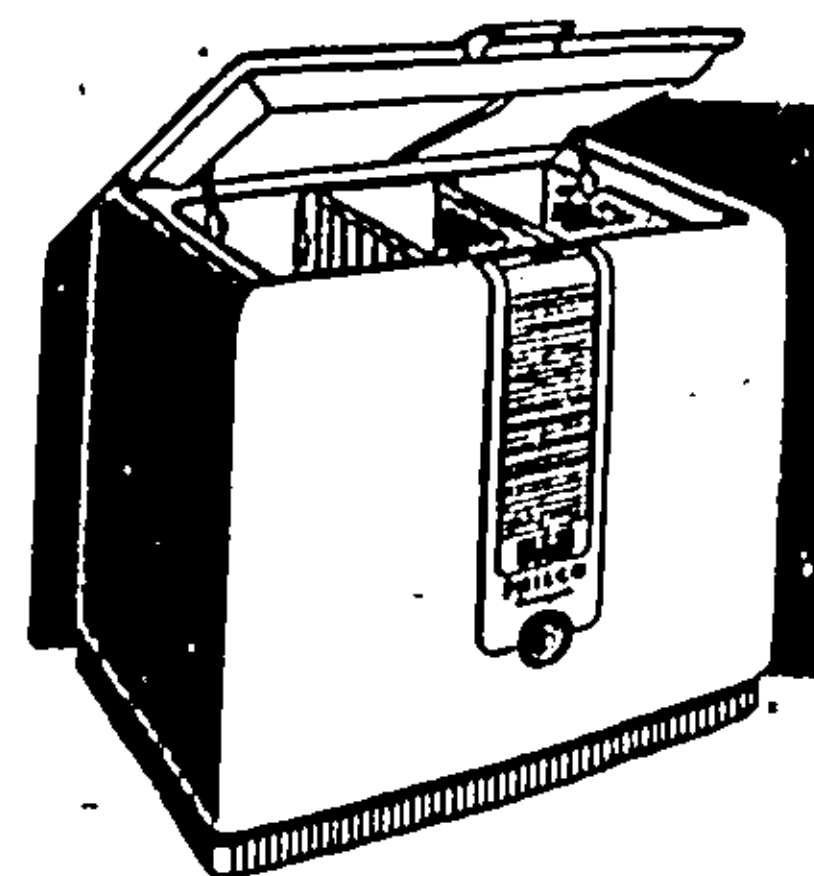
Bradwell shrugged. "Yeah—I know," he said. "But it's risky. I didn't mob out Grayber—and I didn't do for the mayor. You know that, Don."

Don Vannic smiled. "Sure I know it."

"Who did the Grayber job, Don?"

Vannic tilted his eyes and showed a poker face. "Whoever did—I almost went out with him," he said slowly.

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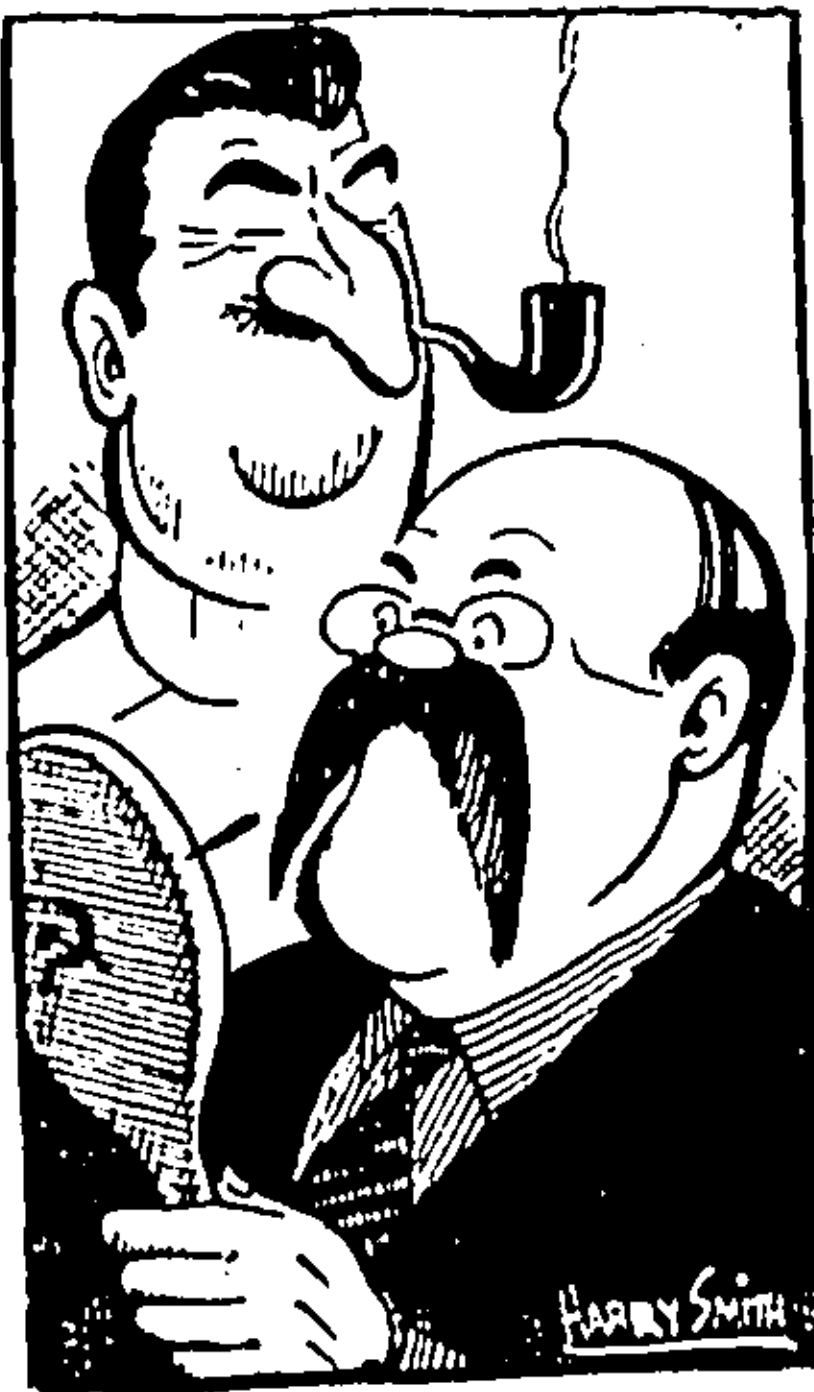
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GREAT SINGERS

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In other words, there is, in a well-trained natural voice, same latent quality inherent in the voice calculated to endow a particular piece of music with a charm which would otherwise be lacking. Or again, it may operate in obverse fashion, that is to say, the fact of the voice being the instrument inspires the composer to write music with a special quality which might otherwise be lacking.

The truly great singer recognises—and that, gladly—the responsibility which is his in being endowed with the incomparable gift of a lovely voice. Equally as much as the true surgeon devotes his life and professional capabilities under the oath of Hippocrates to the alleviation of mortal suffering, so is a true artist, committed to a life-time's devotion to his art.

The Golden Age of Singers is generally spoken of as roughly coinciding with the 19th Century. In those spacious years, such names as Christine Nilsson, Patti, the de Reske Brothers, Nordica, David Bispham and Jenny Lind were household words in the operatic world. Of these Jenny Lind is almost a legendary figure. She died (if my memory is not at fault) in 1832, so that nothing exists whereby her voice is left on record for posterity.

I remember a Grace Moore film about Jenny Lind in the mid-1930's. It was a thoroughly enjoyable film, although I doubt whether it professed to tell an authentic story of her life. Grace Moore, however, possessed a lovely voice and her singing of the aria from Bellini's "Norma" is still reckoned a tour-de-force.

Edwardian Era

For some reason, there exists a stubborn belief that never again will the Golden Age of singers (and incidentally, opera) be with us again. As regards opera itself, I do believe, unhappily, that the ebullience and grandeur of the Edwardian era are—like sandal-wood and the Minuet—relics of a by-gone age. "Other times, other customs" truly seems to apply in this respect.

But as regards the singers, I see no reason to believe that the present cannot equal the past. No one ever states grounds for this belief of failure to compare with the Edwardians. They make it as a statement, and heaven knows, they are right. "The good old days," conveniently turning a blind and rheumy eye to the plethora of modern singers so nobly carrying on (dare I say, in some cases, surpassing?) the traditions of the past.

Evidence you want? Without even thinking, one can name Gligli, Flagstad, Cortis, Cokotari, Giamini, Lemnitz, Kipulis, Quegin, Ralf, Bjorling, and our own Eva Turner. Many more artists there are today who are more than capable of being matched with the Bordicars and Melbas of the past.

The gramophone catalogues—as I am sure I have noted before—contain many gems from opera and lieder by famous singers. Before the war, there was the rich library of Polydor and Victrola lists to be searched. I imagine that many of these must nowadays be unobtainable, owing to the difficulties in post-war Germany.

I recall at least three gems I managed to collect in 1930 or 1937 which have happily survived the journey from England. One lovely recording is of a young Greek Soprano—Margherita Porfiro—singing the Requiem from Verdi's Requiem Mass. Those who think of Verdi only as an operatic composer should make a point of hearing this record. For sheer beauty of voice, music, and singing it is in a class by itself. If it is in Radio Hong Kong's

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record library, perhaps this note may not fall on deaf ears. Who knows?

The second treasure is a record of the "Regler" aria from Mozart's "Don Giovanni," sung by a baritone with the impressive name of Will. Dongraef-Fassbender. One can forgive him that for the lovely voice, so gracefully used in this delicate aria.

German Soprano

Thirdly, I treasure still a well-worn recording of Mendelssohn's "Laudate Dominum" in which the solo is sung by a German soprano—Elizabeth van Dillen—in a voice as pure as any I know.

So it seems that today can more than take care of itself in the matter of singers. There is always a tendency—encouraged by an attitude of surly conservatism—to disparage one period in the light of the one immediately preceding. Such an attitude stubbornly persists in refusing to acknowledge that the present can equal or surpass the past. That is quite wrong, and is surely an unthinking "ostrich-like" outlook, quite unjustified by the facts.

Before closing this rambling monograph, I must call especial attention to a film to be shown at the Lee Theatre. It is called "The Lost One" but turns out to be "La Traviata," complete with principals and chorus of the Rome Opera House. I know nothing about nor have I seen the film. But since this must be quite an experiment in Hong Kong, and is a bold move, it deserves support and should be good. Verdi's music at least will speak for itself in no uncertain fashion.

SUNDAY

The Symphony Concert—as always the main feature of the evening programme to the musically-minded—commences at 8 p.m. J. C. Bach Sibelius Violin Concerto.

Symphony No. 1 Brahms
A son of an illustrious father, John Christian Bach is nowadays a composer whose works are interesting for their historical rather than their intrinsic worth. However, as representative of that great musical age in Europe, which flourished so prodigiously between 1750 and 1800, J. C. Bach is surely worth hearing.

The violin has probably been the most favoured of all solo instruments by composers who seemed able each to find some beauty or nuance undiscussed in former works. Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Elgar, Tchaikovsky and Brahms all touched supreme heights in their respective concertos.

Apart from Elgar, Sibelius is the only composer of note who has added much to the classical concerto for the fiddle in recent years. Without doubt, Sibelius and Rachmaninov (who so far has produced no violin concerto) are in direct descent from the classical masters of the past. In his Concerto, Sibelius exemplifies a new conception of relation between soloist and orchestra, any failure of either being sufficient to wreck its effect completely.

Nevertheless, those who are prepared to listen to this music free from an anticipatory pre-conceived idea of what they expect to hear will find in it much that is lovely.

Brahms' No. 1 Symphony in C Minor is in four movements, as are all his four symphonies. A common connecting characteristic to all his four symphonies is his innovation in key-change in each movement. Formerly composers had been conservative in their choice of keys and usually pitched three out of every four movements in the same key.

Brahms, however, chose to vary his choice of keys although, in every Symphony, his last movement is pitched in the same key as the opening movement. The No. 1 is a lovely work and should make delightful listening.

MONDAY

At 10:15 p.m. the famous Hallé Orchestra gives a concert including:—
Trumpet Voluntary Piercell.
Rio Grande Suite Constant-Lambert.
Bavarian Dance Elgar.
"Spitefire" Fugue William Walton.

The "Rio Grande" Suite is an outstanding contribution to modern British music. Words by Edith and Sacheverell Sitwell and solo piano played by Sir Hamilton Harty promise an interesting performance. It is interesting, too, to compare this work with Grofé's "Grand Canyon" Suite, a work similar in nature if not in content.

TUESDAY

At 10:15 p.m. there will be a recital by Yehudi Menuhin, and his sister Hephzibah. They join forces in a performance of a Sonata in F (K. 376) by Mozart. For brother and sister to be so gifted must be a generous dispensation of nature and doubtless blood-ties make for an even closer bond of sympathy in interpretation than might otherwise be the case.

Menuhin is also playing the so-called "Devil's Trill" Sonata by Tartini. Tartini came of the early Italian school of composers, whose talents as performers were often equal to that of themselves as composers. Such, anyway, is true of the "Devil's Trill" Sonata, which is a positive tour-de-force as a show-piece for high pyrotechnical skill.

FRIDAY

A delightful—if short—programme of Mozart is planned at 8:35, including the exquisitely fragile "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik." Mozart composed this work during 1787-1788, when the best of his Chamber Music was written. Really, this Serenade lies beyond the domain of Chamber Music proper, but so delicate is its structure that it may well be played as a quintet and even as a quartet.

SATURDAY

"The Beggars Opera" by John Gay is to be heard at 8:30 o'clock this evening. This Opera was recently produced at the Haymarket in London by the Glyndebourne Company, and in the Cast are Michael Redgrave, Audrey Mildmay and Roy Henderson.

NEWS QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Ito Aba, between Indochina and the Philippines.
2. To Kulanzu, the former international settlement of Amoy.
3. Louis Golding, Magnolia Street.
4. Operation Lancer.
5. Vice-Admiral O. C. Badger, West Pacific Commander.
6. President Quirino of the Philippines.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE
ANSWERS

1. On October 9, 1942.
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4. Land of Free Men.
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The question I have been wanting to ask you is, "ARE YOU PLAYING FAIR" with yourself? So very many people cheat themselves in life. No doubt you will be surprised when you read this phrase and wonder what I mean.

Well, what I would like you to do is to start training yourself to play fair while you are young. It will be worth your while in the long run, I can assure you.

If you are fair in your work and play, you will find that life is much more pleasant. What is the use of cheating, or being insincere it never did help a person to get anywhere. Look at a gambler who doesn't play fair. What happens? I really need not tell you, for I am sure you all know.

Dear children, I am not trying to lecture you, but just give a little advice which you should all try and follow.

Happy days to you all, from

Auntie Vee

WHO AM I?

My first is in cook but not in took.
My second is in lock and also talk.
My third is in own and also in known.
My fourth is in cock and also in knock.
My fifth is in kite but not in tight.
My whole is something which everyone should have to know the time.

Answer: Clock

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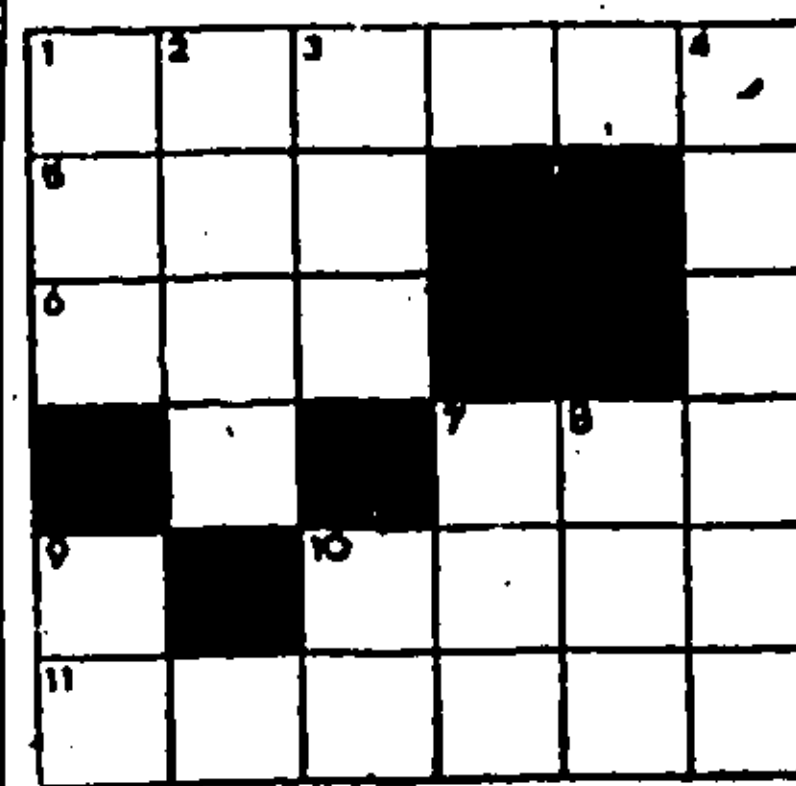
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Tinker is small;
He likes milk,
He's round like a ball.

Found out yet? No, Well, here is some more clues; Whenever he is hungry He always mows.

Guess it yet?
His name rhymes with mitten,
Well, I will tell you now—
He is a kitten!

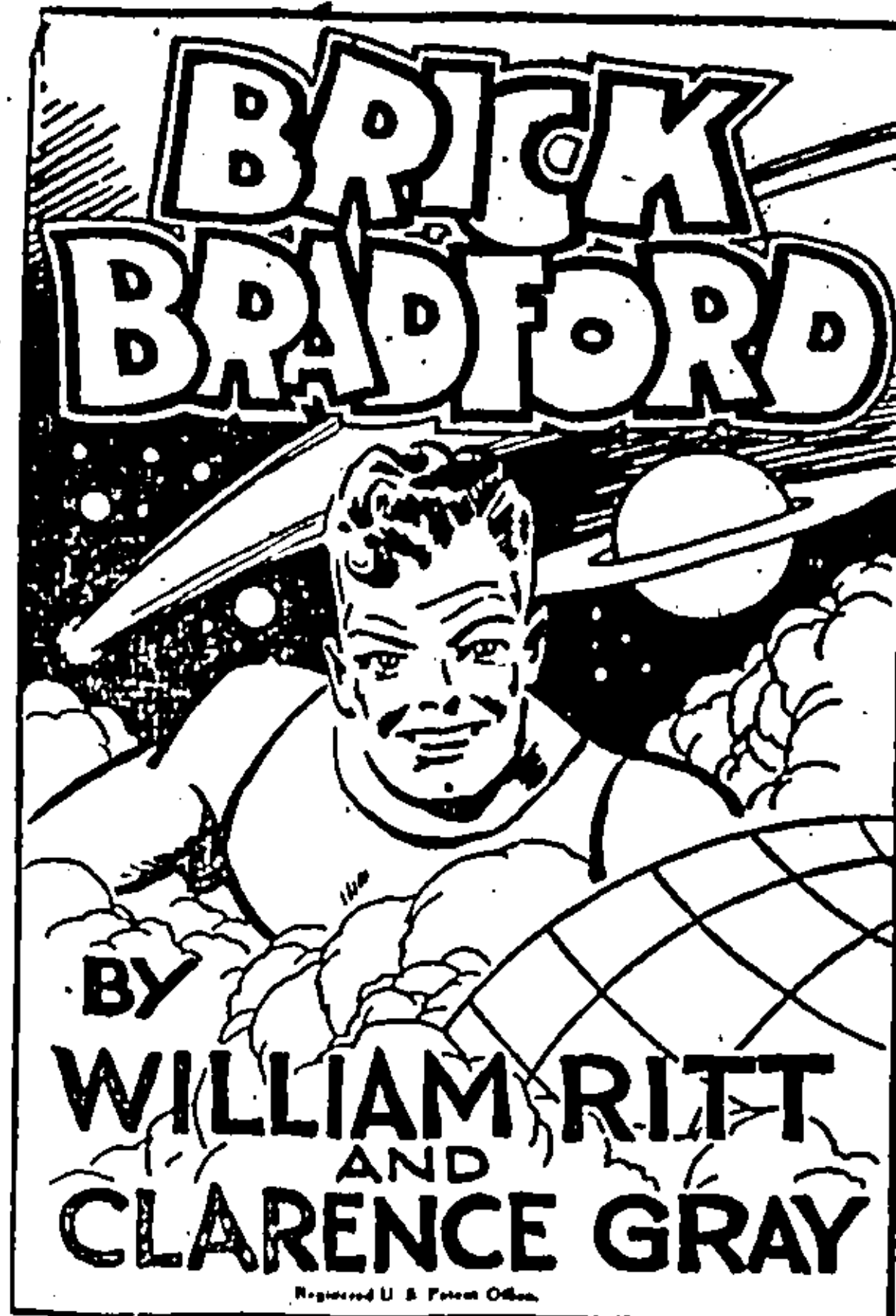
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BUZ SAWYER

By Roy Crane



WHO AM I?

My first is in gum, but not in dumb,
My second is in elephant, and also in elegant,
My third comes in reason, but you don't find me in season,
My fourth is in rattle, but not in settle,
My fifth is in look, but not in hook,
My sixth is in die, but not in lie,
My seventh is in single, but not in double,
My eighth is in night, but not in light,
My ninth is in sole but not in soul.
Guess who I am.

Answer: Geraldine

Honour certificate to Geraldine Ribeiro, aged 9½, of 11 Hankow Road, Top floor, Kowloon.

Two Friends & A Bear

Two friends were going through the forest. One friend said to the other, "If any beast comes out from the forest, I will stay with you and help you." The other friend said, "I will help you too."

After a little time there was a great noise, and a big bear came out. At once, one of the friends ran and climbed a tree. The other, being too fat, could not get up. So he lay down at the foot of the tree, hoping the bear would think he was dead.

The bear came near to him, put its nose down and smelled him. Then it walked away, thinking the man was dead.

Now the other friend came down from the tree, and asked, "What did the bear say to you when he put his lips so near to your ear?"

The friend answered, "The bear said that I should not go out with friends who run away from me when I need them most."

Honour certificate to Wong Tau Yau of 10, Staunton Street, Ground fl. Hong Kong.

Picnic To Tai Po

I am a pupil of Ellis Kadoorie A.M. School, Sookunpoo. Our school had a picnic some time ago to Tai Po Market. I took my notebook with me and jotted down all the things which I saw during that day.

Early in the morning I woke up, washed, dressed, ate my breakfast and then packed the things which I needed. I went to the station to meet my teachers, and boarded the train.

At 8.40 a.m., our train started. Looking out of the windows I saw many beautiful sights, the trees, fields and hills were all so very lovely. On the way we passed Yau-mat Station, Shatin Station, Tai Po Station and then arrived at Tai Po Market.

We got off and together with some of my schoolmates we walked to Hong Lok Yuen.

We were really tired round about noon, so we rested and had our lunch on the grass. Some of my schoolmates were able to swim, for the day was very warm and they had remembered to bring along their swimming costumes.

At 2.30 p.m. we went back to the market and bought some payasas. We took the 3.30 p.m. train home and arrived home at 5 p.m. After having my supper I laid down, felt very happy and made a little diary of it.

Honour certificate to Cho Yan Wong aged 11, of 442, Hennessy Road, 3rd floor, Hong Kong.

The Wonderful Fortune

One cold winters' night a poor little girl and boy were walking through a brightly lit town. It was snowing and they were shivering. All they had on was a pair of stockings with holes, a pair of pants and coat with patches, and a hat which also had holes.

Their father and mother had been working on some toys made out of wood and tin for a whole year. They were beautiful and were now ready for sale.

So, the poor little girl and boy went out to sell them. No one wanted them and they were very unhappy, when all of a sudden a man came up and said that he wanted them all. He gave them a lot of money and with this they went home feeling very happy.

When they went home they handed the money to their mother, and their mother straight away went and bought them new clothes and their father later started a business.

This meant a wonderful fortune to the poor family and they lived happily ever after.

Honour certificate to Diana Patricia Verner, aged nine, of Oikwan Hotel, Room 511, Canton.

An Exciting Moment

One night as we were travelling in a car, our tyre had a blowout. It was cold and dark, but we had to stop and make a change.

The place we were at was beside a cemetery. We of course were trying our best to finish the work quicker so that we could get away from the terrible place.

Suddenly we heard sounds as if people were talking, but we could see no one. In a hurry everyone ran towards the car. Since I was cold and stiff, I was left outside the car. Then I hid myself at the back of the car and from a small opening I could see there were several ghosts. I was frightened. The ghosts then moved towards where I was hiding and lifted the cover. I screamed aloud, but the next moment I found myself in bed, with mother hurrying into the room, shouting "What's the matter?"

Honour certificate to Teddy Chui, c/o Shanghai Commercial & Savings Bank, 6, Queen's Rd Central Hong Kong.

JUMBO

Jumbo is devoted to carrots. Jumbo is a London horse, and he pulls the letter mail van. He comes at ten minutes to five every evening to collect letters from the office, so I have to buy them each week from the little greengrocer around the corner in Norfolk Street, just off the Strand.

Usually Jumbo is very gentle and nibbles them delicately, but the day I gave him a bit of apple instead, he became so excited that he tried to swallow my hand as well.

The three old postmen who sit together in the front seat take a real pride in his harness and red rosettes, which glitter in the sunshine. They are always cheerful and appreciate a joke when they collect the mail bags, which are often numerous.

One day, when there seemed to be an extra load, one remarked, "Thousands and thousands of 'em," and if I ever forget Jumbo's carrot, the postman is sure to say plaintively, "Anything for the 'orse?"

Sometimes Jumbo has a holiday, and then a dark brown horse called Bob—or Robert when the postmen are feeling dignified—takes his place. He is younger and friskier than Jumbo, who is a comfortable looking bay, and the men say that "they fairly rush along with him."

THE LONE RANGER

By Fran Striker



SUNDAY HERALD Pictorial



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is shown at the St. Patrick's Ball, held at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

A cheerful group of guests at the annual St. Patrick's Ball, which was attended by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



Mr. G. Witchell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Hampsey and Major and Mrs. Hawes at the St. Patrick's Ball, held recently at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

More smiling faces at the St. Patrick's Ball. From left to right, Mr. J. McGinty, Miss Maureen O'Shaunessy, Mr. J. Mulligan, Miss Pat O'Reilly, Mr. E. O'Burke, Miss M. O'Malley, Mr. S. Murphy and Miss Kathleen McDermott. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and a group of friends at the St. Patrick's Ball at the Hong Hotel. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



Guests who attended the St. Patrick's Ball. From left to right, Major P. F. C. Bloxam, Mrs. Bloxam, Captain and Mrs. E. C. Serier, Captain J. J. Rogerson and Miss E. L. Cooper. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

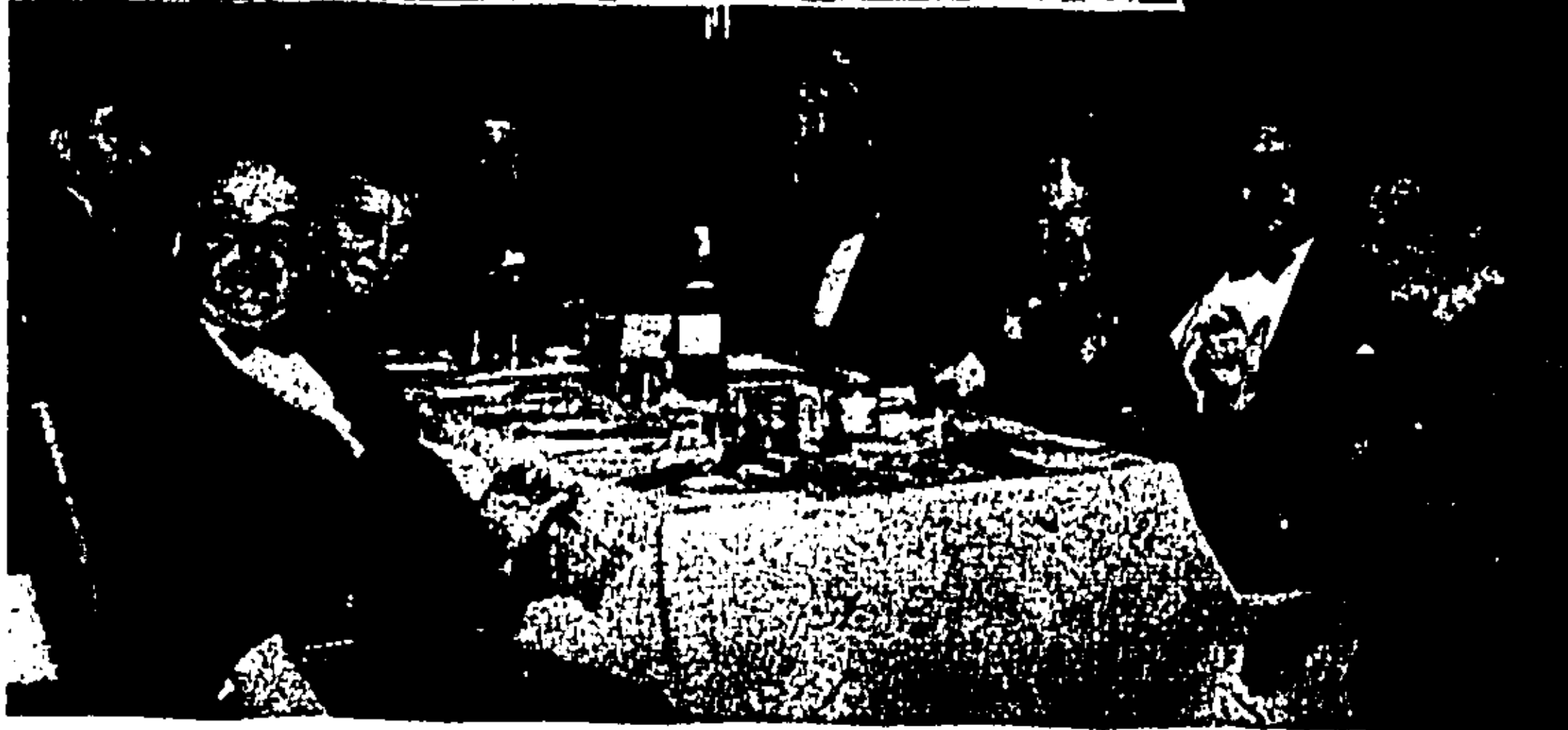




A merry group at the St. Patrick's Ball, held at the Hong Kong Hotel. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, presents the Governor's Cup to Dave Leonard, captain of the victorious HKFA team, which beat the CNAAF XI by the odd goal in five. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

Among the guests at the St. Patrick's Ball were Mr. and Mrs. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wittichell, and Mr. and Mrs. Beach. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



At the United Services Recreation Club's St. Patrick's Dance, from left to right, Mrs. Wickham, Mr. Baynes, Mrs. Shombrot, Mr. Fye, Mr. Wickham, Mrs. Baynes and Mr. Shombrot. ("Mee Cheung" photo)



The younger set having a gay time at an enjoyable fancy dress party given by Miss Gloria Fowler at her home.



The victorious HKFA win the Governor's Cup. The children come here they are s



Major General F. R. G. Matthews, General Officer Commanding, rides at the Polo and Hunt Club Gymkhana, held at the old Fanling Course. ("Ming Yuen" photo)

They're off! Contestants at the Polo and Hunt Club Gymkhana are shown in one of the events held. ("Ming Yuen" Studio)





A team, which nosed out a Chinese representative XI to at Caroline Hill last Sunday. ("Sunday Herald" photo)
to their own at the Polo and Hunt Club Gymkhana. shown in one of the events: ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Everybody is happy as the Royal Engineers honour their Engineer-in-Chief, Major General A. D. Campbell, at an "At Home" party. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

Major General A. L. Campbell, Engineer-in-Chief, of the Royal Engineers, is seen chatting with WO II C. E. Tilley, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

Another group at the "At Home" party given by the Royal Engineers Old Comrades Association for Major General Campbell. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



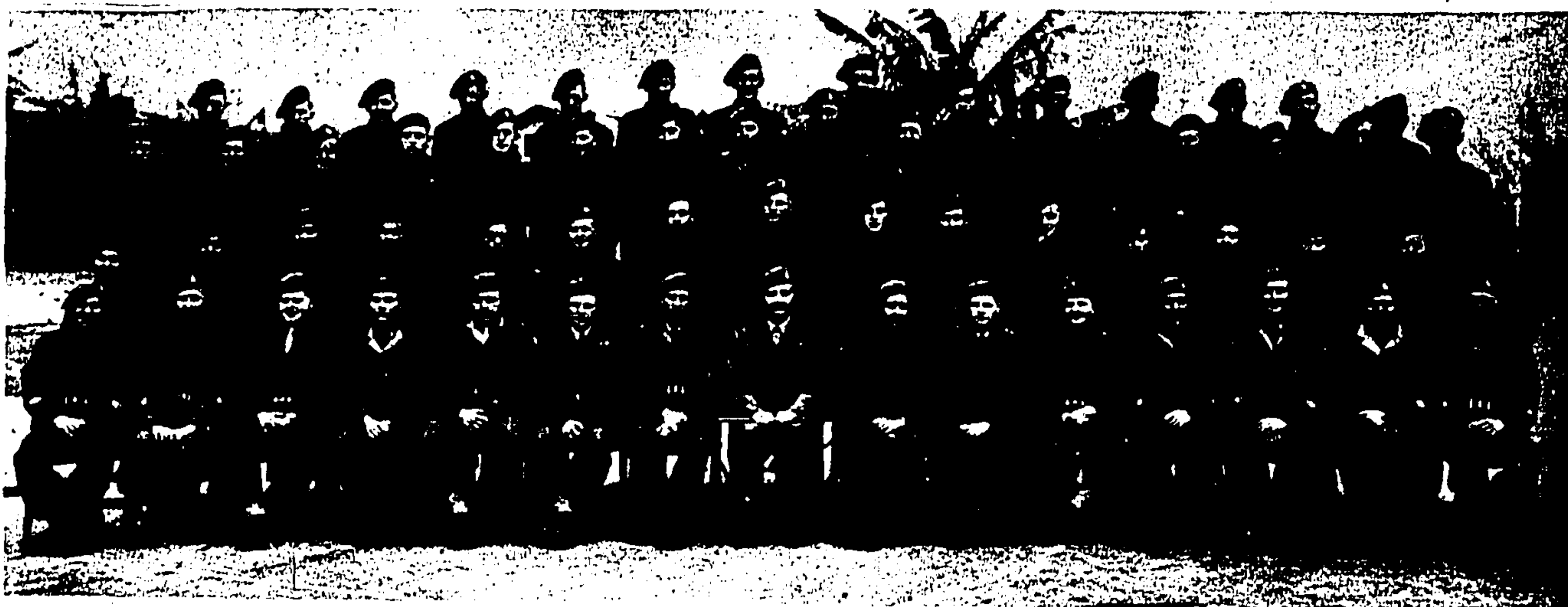
Miss Fair and Miss Anderson look at home in the saddle. They were two of the many contestants at the Polo and Hunt Club Gymkhana. ("Ming Yuen" photo)



Major General Campbell, Engineer-in-Chief of the Royal Engineers (second from right), poses with Brigadier W. G. R. Nutt, Lieutenant Colonel D. R. Guinness and Lieutenant Colonel J. B. Brown. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

Portuguese Catholic Association members at a party to mark the PCA's first anniversary last Sunday. ("Sunday Herald" photo)





A group photo of the Officers and other ranks of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, at present serving in Hong Kong. Lieutenant Colonel R.H.A.P. Finney (centre) is commander of the RAOC. ("Sunday Herald" photo)



A combined promotion, farewell and welcoming party held recently for Mr. J. C. McDouall, promoted to Cadet Officer, Class I of the Social Welfare Office. Mr. L. R. Burch, transferred to the Stores Department, and Mr. K. Allen, who is taking up duties in the Social Welfare Office. ("Mayfair" photo)



Mr. and Mrs. H. Gadeberg pose for a picture after their wedding at St. John's Cathedral last week. The bride is the former Miss Margrethe Burhol. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

Photo taken at the Registrar's Office after the wedding of Mr. Chan Man-tsun and Miss Lai Chai-san on March 15. ("Sunday Herald" photo)

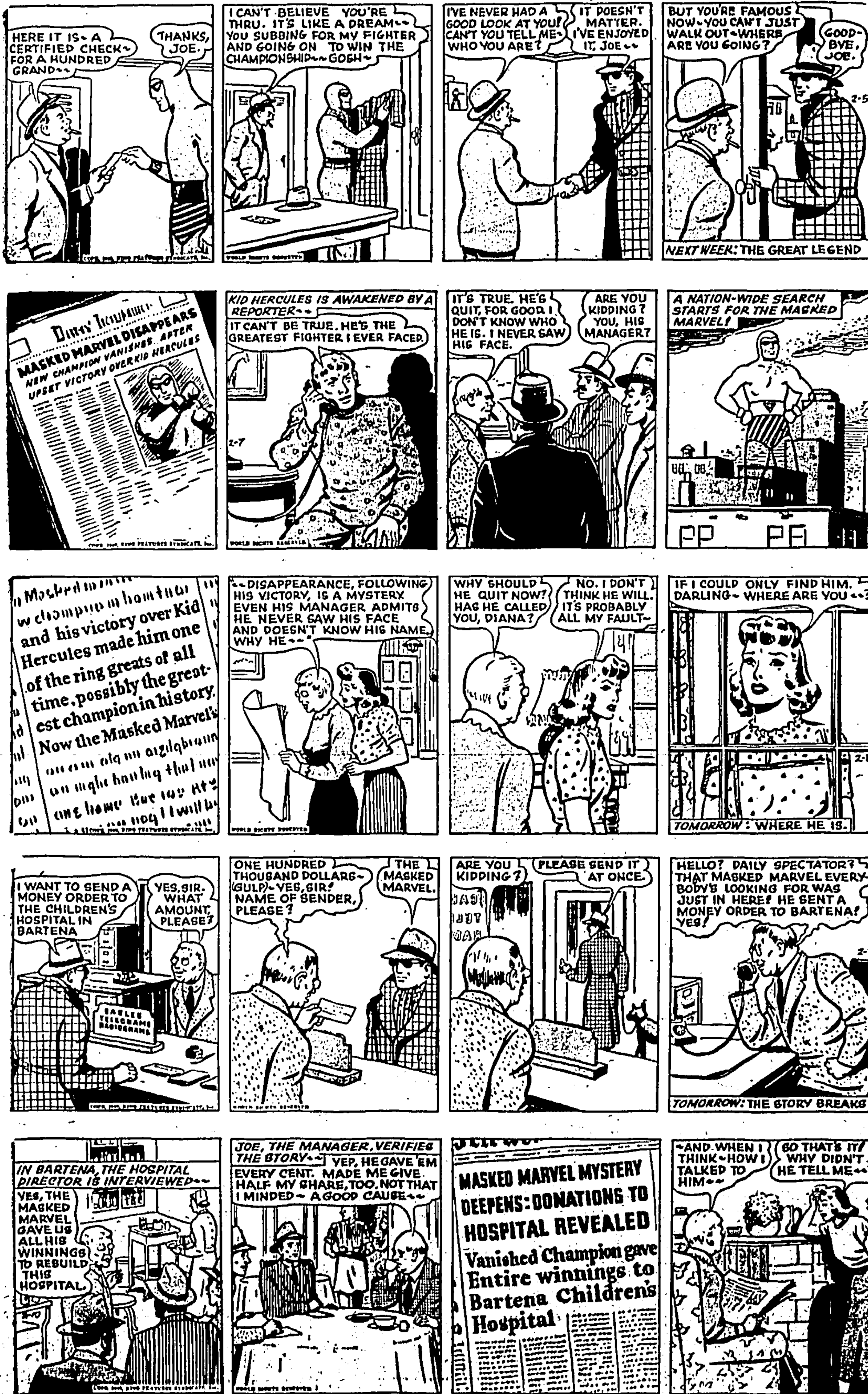
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THE PHANTOM

By Lee Falk and Ray Moore

Wonder Questions



How did "not worth your salt" originate, and what does it mean? The saying "not worth your salt" means that the work you are doing (or not doing) is not worth the wages you are being paid. It goes back to the time of the Romans, when the "salary" of the soldiers was paid out in rations of salt and other necessities.

What was the continent Atlantis? Atlantis was a huge island supposed to be in the Atlantic Ocean. People of the Ancient World believed that it had existed as the perfect state, but that an earthquake had caused it to sink beneath the sea. In the 16th century Francis Bacon wrote a book "The New Atlantis," which was about an ideal continent in which everyone lived happily, and he probably got his ideas from the ancient mythical island.

How did money originate? Before we had money, people used to barter their goods. This, however, was a difficult process, as people had to find other people who happened to want just the thing they wished to exchange. Money began by people agreeing with each other to recognise some particular article as a general standard of value. In the Old Testament this standard was cattle, later corn, and then bars of iron. Gradually precious metals came more into use, and gold and silver became the standards of value we know as money.

What is dust? Dust is matter worn down into tiny pieces like sand, and the air is laden with large and small particles of it. Different kinds of things differ in the ease with which they can be ground into dust, and so we find less dust in some places than others. Naturally, there appears to be less dust in wet weather, for when a speck of dust is soaked in water it cannot be blown about.

Why is it that you feel dizzy when you look down from a great height? We have organs of balance on each side of our head, close to the ears. When we look down from a great height we temporarily throw these organs of balance out of action, and we feel dizzy or giddy.

Why is the planet on which we live called the "Earth"? We cannot really say just why we named our planet Earth, but we do know that this is a very old Teutonic word and was given to our planet many centuries ago. It probably described the ideas about our planet that our ancestors then had, but our notions of the earth have changed so greatly, while the language has remained much the same, that it is almost impossible to trace back the original meaning and sense of the word "earth."

Who Am I?

My first is in rare but not in dare,
My third is in band but not in land,
My fourth is in bear but not in wear,
My fifth is in on but not in son,
My sixth is in hall but not in all.
My whole is some thing that girls wear.
Answer: "sacque".
Honour certificate to Mary Rita Reed of 244 Nathan Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.

YOUR DREAMS & WHAT THEY MEAN

D.
DANGER—If you face danger, you may expect success; but if you avoid it, trouble will come.
DENTIST—A dream of illness.
DIRT—To dream that your clothes are dirty denotes sorrow. If you yourself are personally dirty, it means illness.
DISH—To break a dish foretells domestic trouble.
DRESS—You will succeed in your plans.
DOCTOR—A good dream financially.
DOGS—If the dog is friendly all will be well. If the dog barks, beware of quarrels. If he bites you, expect treachery from someone you trust.

The City Mouse & The Country Mouse

Once there were two mice. They were very good friends. Now, one mouse lived in the country, while the other lived in the city.

After many years the country mouse saw the city mouse in a town. He said, "Do come and see me at my home in the country." The city mouse was pleased that his friend was so kind, so he accepted the invitation.

The country mouse when he saw his friend was very happy indeed. He took the city mouse to his house in a field and gave him the best food that he could find. The city mouse, being used to the city food and atmosphere, said, "This food is not good and your house is not comfortable. Why do you live in a hole in the fields? You should come and live in the city. You would like it, for the houses are made of stones, and you certainly have nice food to eat. You must come to the city and see me one of these days."

The country mouse quickly gathered together his belongings and went to the house of the city mouse. It was a good house. Nice food was set ready for them to eat, but just as they began to eat they heard a great noise. The city mouse cried, "Run, run! The cat is coming!" They ran away quickly and hid.

After some time they came out of their hiding place, and when they did the country mouse said, "I do not like living in the city. I like living in my hole in the field, for it is far better to be poor and happy, than to be rich and afraid."

Honour certificate to Wong Yu Pak of 2 Wing Lok Lane, ground fl. Hong Kong.

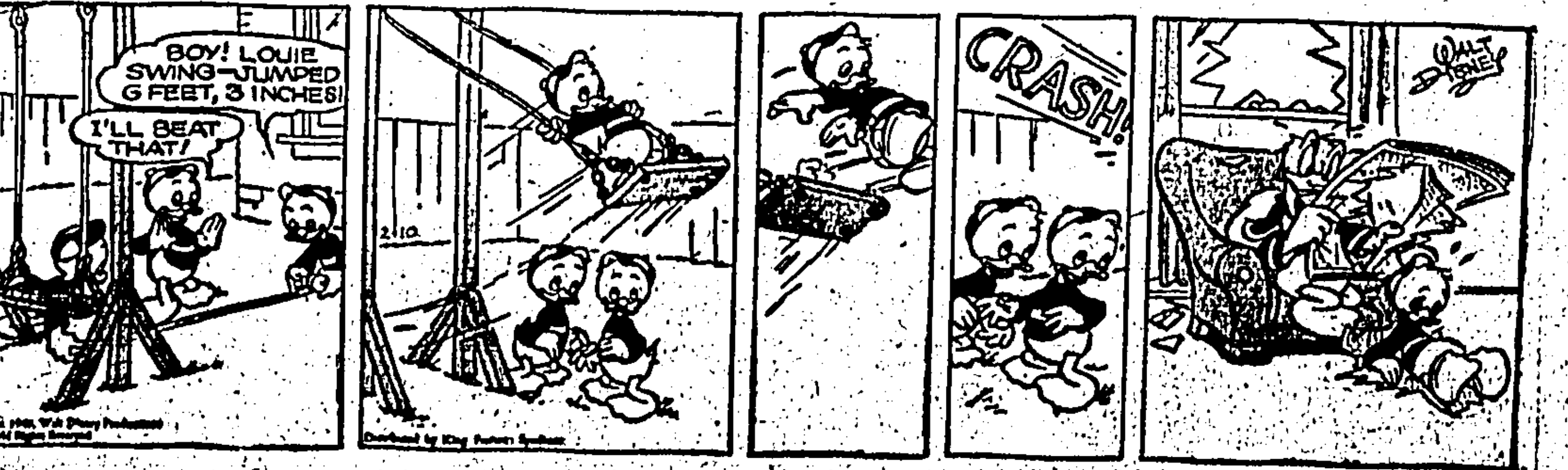
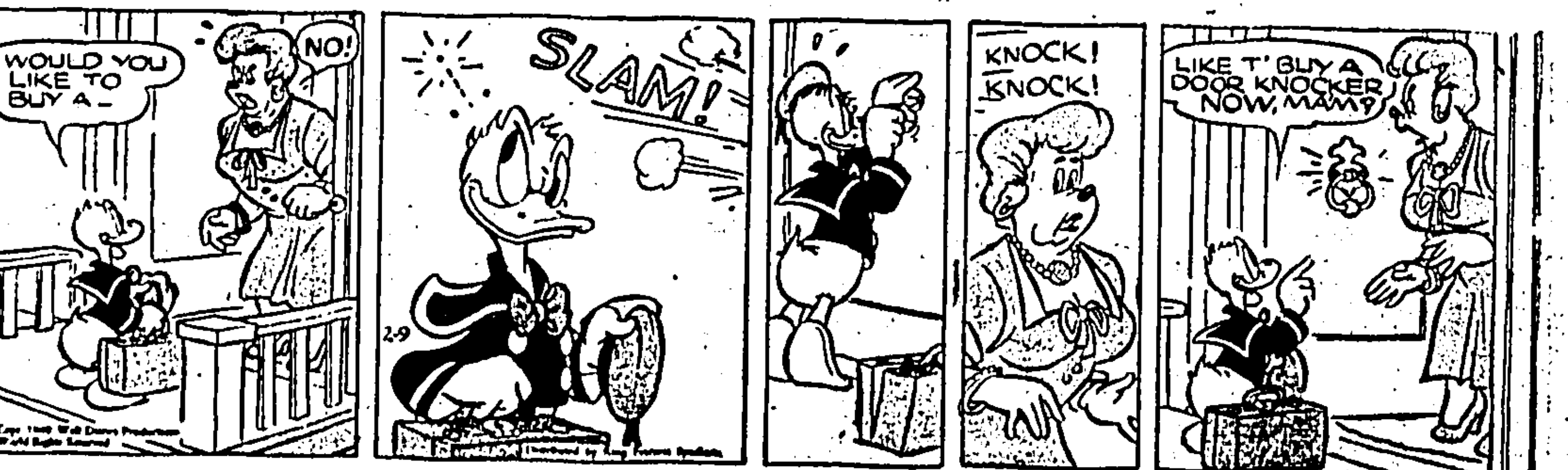
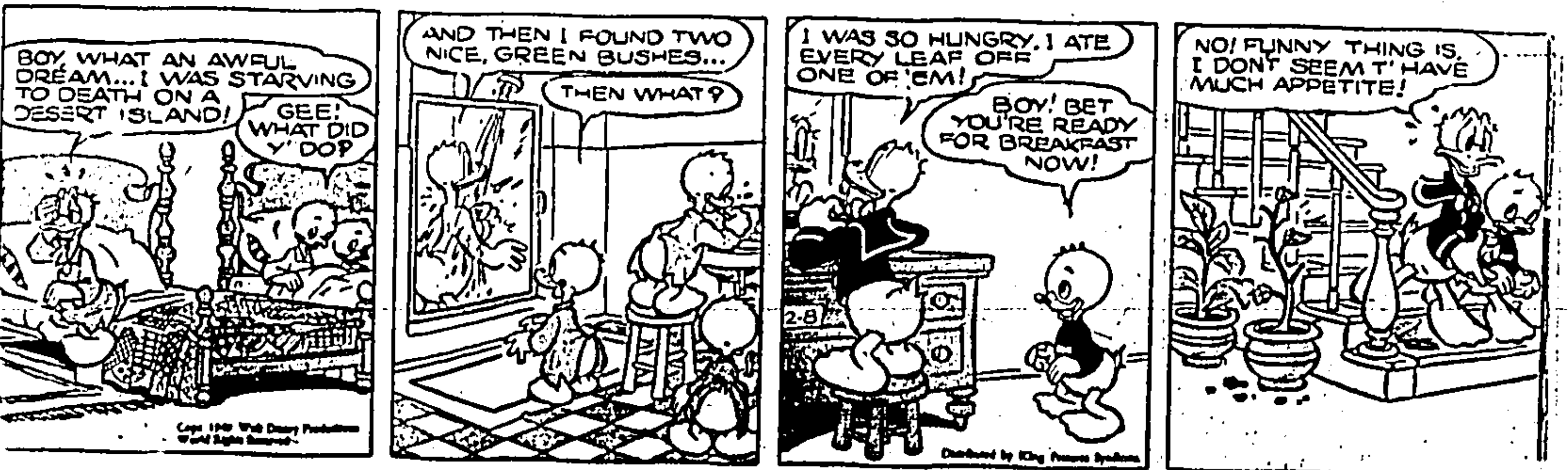
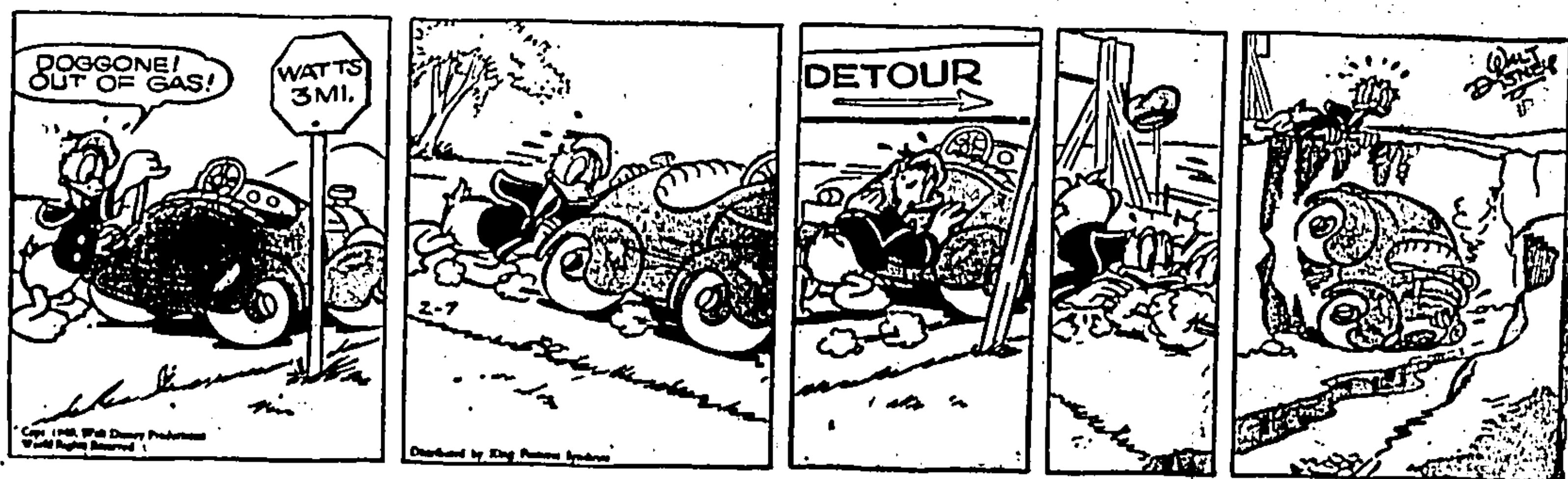
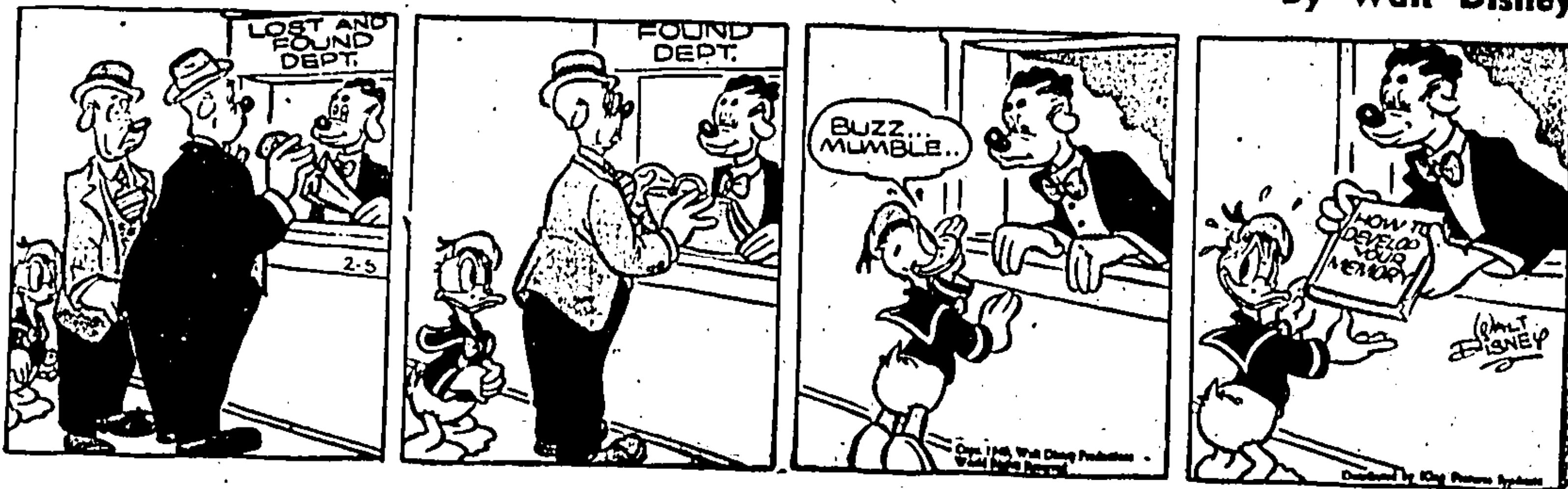
Country Cousin



Honour certificate to Alicia Yuen Garcia of Ma Tau Chung Camp, No. 12 Hut, Kowloon.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



By Frank Godwin

DONNA-FOK. I'm glad you are now trying your best to send in stories. If they are interesting I will surely print them, so don't think that your own articles are no good.

RAMCHAND P. RAICHAN-
DANI, I guess you don't know
the rule of The "Children's
Herald" for you see all articles
that are sent in must be your
own work. Remember that now,
and please do mark All My Own
Work on whatever you send in.

CHAN KA WANG, Your true story was very interesting, but I'm sorry I won't be able to print it, for the children might not be interested in it. Sorry to disappoint you, but you will try again, won't you?

LLOYD VICTOR JONES I hope you are enjoying yourself on board HMT Lancashire. Do continue writing to me when you arrive home. I'm always glad to hear from you.

NAME: Bill Cho:
ADDRESS: 81, Hill Road,
ground floor, Hong Kong.
AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting
and drawing.

NAME: Antonia F Collaco, Jr.
ADDRESS: 177, Prince Edward Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Sports, reading books and comics.

NAME: Teddy Chu.
ADDRESS: c/o Shanghai Com-
mercial & Savings Bank, Hong
Kong.

HOBBIES: Stamp collecting,
post cards and scenery pictures,
also reading stories.

NAME: Lucy Villa Carlos.
ADDRESS: 43, Hankow Road,
1st floor, Kowloon.
AGE: 13.
HOBBIES: Music. movies,
dancing and basketball.

NAME: Anita Chul.
ADDRESS: 3, Rednaxela Terrace, Caine Road, Hong Kong.
AGE: 15.
HOBBIES: Writing and reading.

NAME: Valerie Da Costa.
ADDRESS: 440, King's Road,
3rd floor.

AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Drawing.

NAME: Elsie Childs.
ADDRESS: 45, Chung King
Arcade.
AGE: 13.
HOBBIES: Writing.

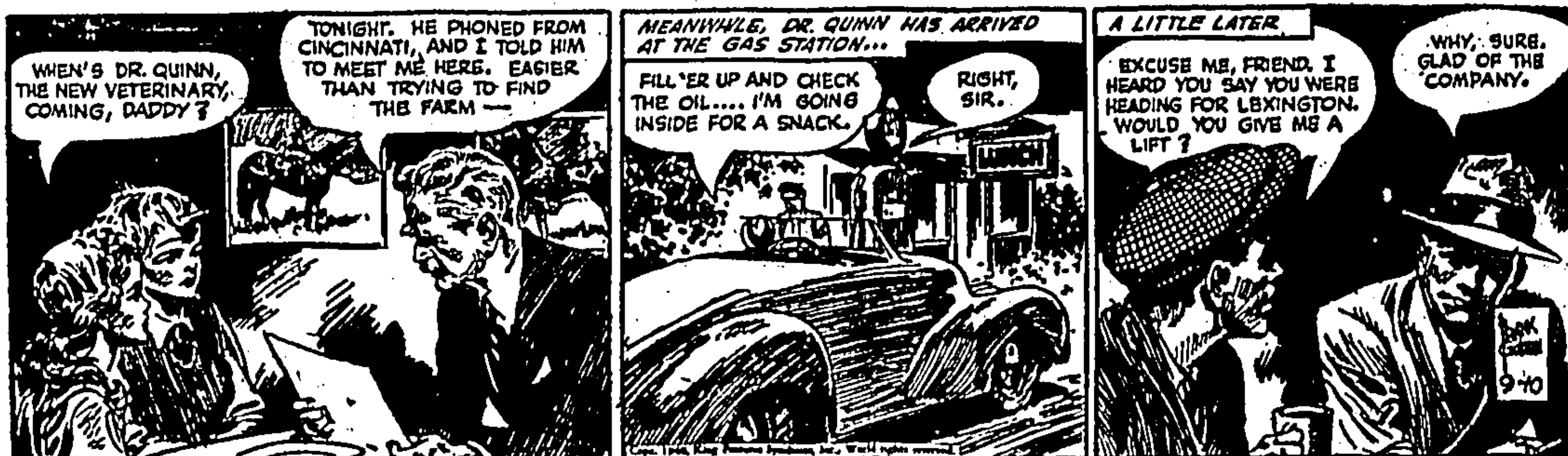
NAME: Francis Chan.
ADDRESS: 70, Prince Edward
Road, 1st floor, Kowloon.
AGE: 14.
HOBBIES: Stamp collecting,
movies and comics.

NAME: Barbara Davies
ADDRESS: 1C, East Point
Terrace, Yeo Wo St. Causeway
Bay.

AGE: Eight.
HOBBIES: Needlework, painting, and stamp collecting.
NAME: Joann Davies.

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AGE: Nine.
HOBBIES: Drawing, sewing and stamp collecting.

NAME: Robert Freer.
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Road, 2nd floor, Kowloon.
AGE: 10.
HOBBIES: Arithmetic, draw-
ing, collecting stamps and old
coins.





UNDER THE BLACK ENSIGN

By A C ALLAN

IT was even as the menacing figures of the buccaners hove into sight, and even as Harkness and the two children were beginning to lose heart, that the powder-kegs went up with a shattering roar.

A vivid sheet of flame belched the jungle shadows, and the echoes of the terrific explosion thundered out across the scene. Then came a medley of dismayed cries from those of the pirates who had been lucky enough to escape the blast.

Harkness, Caroline, and Trevor scarce heeded those cries. Their eyes were on the Intrepid, and suddenly the young surgeon gave vent to an exultant shout.

"The warship's changing course! She's turning about towards the island!"

Not long afterwards, the Intrepid dropped anchor and boats loaded with armed seamen were soon pulling for the shore. By that time the surviving buccaners had recovered from their confusion, and, London among them, they opened fire on the landing-parties as the keels of the long-boats grounded.

The remnants of the Barracuda's company were heavily outnumbered, however. Led by an immaculate officer, the men of the Royal Navy swept up the beach and closed with the pirates.

Within a few minutes James London and his ruffianly band had been overwhelmed and made prisoners.

THE rogues had already been subdued when Doctor Harkness, Trevor and Caroline reached the scene of the affray. They at once presented themselves to the officer commanding the seamen who had landed from the Intrepid and to him James Harkness told their story in detail.

When the young surgeon had

finished his narrative, the naval officer addressed a question to him.

"That rascal Ketch whom you have mentioned," he inquired, "is he among the captives?"

It was James London who answered, truthfully.

"You'll not find Bartholomew Ketch among us," he growled. "I can tell you that much. He was killed by the explosion. And I'll tell you something else—he's carried with him the secret of Lamuel Daw's treasure."

HE was cut short by an exclamation from Trevor Morrison. The boy had wandered in the direction of the spot where the kegs of powder had gone up, and, as the lad beckoned, Harkness and Caroline and the naval officer joined him.

Trevor was pointing at the ground, where it had been churned by the force of the explosion. Indeed, a considerable crater had been gouged in the sandy soil at the jungle's edge, and exposed to view were the corners of several iron-bound chests.

At his bidding some of the sailors from the Intrepid unearthed those boxes, and the lid of each one was prized open to disclose a breath-taking assortment of gold and silver plate and coins of precious gems that glittered with blinding brilliancy in the sun.

CAROLINE, Trevor, and James Harkness were lingering on the Intrepid's deck gazing towards the island, when the officer who had commanded the landing-parties appeared before them.

"We're about to raise anchor," he announced. "Meanwhile, the Captain asks me to say that a very substantial reward will be due to you all for the capture of those buccaners and for the recovery of that treasure."

Birthday Greetings



BILLY SHUM

BILLY SHUM of 199, Prince Edward Road, Top floor, Kowloon will be 13 years old today, and LELLA BUTCHER of 7A, Conduit Road, Hong Kong will be 12 years old today.

On April 2, JANE ALEXANDER of 25, Stanley Fort, Hong Kong will be six years old and REGINALD CONRAD ARDY of Smithfield Bungalow, Kennedy Town, Hong Kong will be 14 years old.

A very happy birthday to you all.

Later, when the Intrepid was under full sail, Harkness spoke to Trevor and Caroline.

"Instead of living on her charity in a humble cottage," he observed, "you'll be able to offer your aunt in England a new home, my young friends. A home of which you can be justly proud—a home at which I hope I shall always be a welcome visitor."

"You will, Trevor and Caroline told him fervently. "You will, indeed!"

THE END

MR. PUFF AND HIS BALLOONS

By Carol Collier

Mr. Puff, the balloon man, was the talk of the town. This was not just because he was as round and as fat as a balloon himself. The reason why everyone talked about him was because, unlike you, or me, or the next person, Mr. Puff lived in a tree.

All day long he would stand on the street corner by the bakery, eating cream puffs and selling his balloons. Then, each evening, just as the sun went down, Mr. Puff went up! He would float right up to his home at the top of the highest elm tree in the town.

This was always the big event of the day. At a quarter past five, everyone would gather on the village green to watch him take off and, really, it was quite a sight. He would draw in his breath and puff out his cheeks. Then his face and his shiny bald head would not only look as round as a balloon, but as red as the reddest one you've ever seen.

In another minute—puff!—and up into the air he went! Just as he landed at the top of the elm tree, he would wave his balloons at all the people. Then, he would disappear among the thick branches. No one ever saw him until seven o'clock the next morning, when he would float down again to the street corner by the bakery.

Everyone in the town was very fond of Mr. Puff. He was always helping old ladies across the street, taking care of several babies at once while their mothers went to the market, and all that sort of thing. People just couldn't help loving him, even though they couldn't figure out why he wanted to live in the elm tree, rather than in a comfortable house, like the rest of them.

So, naturally, everyone was in a great dither on the morning Mr.

Puff failed to appear on the street corner, at his usual time. By 11 o'clock, when there was still no sign of him, the whole town was in a terrible commotion.

The market was filled with screaming babies. Old ladies almost got run over, trying to cross the street.

The baker had so many cream puffs on his hands, he had to start giving them away.

Oh, the village was really in a dreadful state!

Suddenly, just a little after noon, the familiar, plump figure emerged from the top of the elm tree, and floated down, down, across the village green, to the street corner by the bakery. Mr. Puff was as smiling as ever, and was quite surprised to find people so upset.

"Just the balloon machine. It went on the blink last night," he told them. "Ran fresh out of sun-beams, to colour the yellow ones with. But it's all fixed up, now, with a fine, new supply. See!" He held out a pretty, bright yellow one, as proof.

The village people all accepted this explanation without a murmur. They had long since learned that it was no use to try to understand Mr. Puff. The main thing was that he was back on the street corner, where he belonged. Now they could all go on about their business again.

The babies stopped their screaming.

The old ladies crossed the street, without fear of being run over.

Only the baker was still in a dither. He had to make two times his usual amount of cream puffs that afternoon.

Listening-Post

English-language programmes and news from the BBC in London can be heard in Hong Kong on the following stations:—
All times are Hong Kong Standard Time

BBC LONDON	
(GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE)	
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	16.64 metres
6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.	15.82 metres
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12.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m.	15.82 metres
1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.	15.82 metres
2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.	15.82 metres
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4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	15.82 metres
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News Bulletins are broadcast at 9.00 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. (dictation speed), 2.00 p.m., 3.00 p.m., 4.00 p.m., 5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m., 11.00 p.m., 12.00 p.m., on the wavelengths indicated above.
Relays of news broadcasts from the BBC in London, as well as other English-language programmes, can be heard by listeners over the following stations:—

RADIO SEAC CEYLON	
19.84 metres	40.85 metres
21.51 metres	38.3 metres
18.86 metres	

News relays may be heard at the following times: 7.00 p.m. and 12.00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and also at 9.00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday on the wavelengths indicated above.

RADIO HINGAPORE	
44.31 metres	25.577 metres
50.98 metres	19.61 metres

Programme News

THE LAST DAYS OF CHARLES I
In this three-hundredth anniversary year of the beheading of Charles I, a radio programme called 'Trial and Execution of Charles I', has been written by Hugh Ross Williamson and will be produced by Robert Gittings. The programme gives a balanced view of the events of the last 10 days of the King's life, taken entirely from contemporary accounts, chosen as impartially as possible, from writers of various opinions. About two-thirds of the moving and dramatic programme is given to the Trial and the remainder deals with the events leading up to the Execution.

Three hundred years have passed, but still men dispute about the character and actions of the King. But, even so, no lawyers, not even anti-royalists of Charles' day, have defended the trial. At the time no English lawyer could be found to draw up the charge and most of the judges declined to act. Young Algernon Sidney summed the matter up when he told Cromwell bluntly: 'First the King can be tried by no court; second no man can be tried by this court.' At the trial Charles took his stand on that legal issue, that the court was not competent to try him, and he refused to plead, on the grounds that, if he admitted its jurisdiction, not one of his subjects would be safe from an arbitrary tribunal appointed by the power of the sword.

General Overseas: Monday, 5.00 p.m.

Thursday, 10.15 p.m.
STEWART MACPHERSON RETURNS
Stewart MacPherson returns this week to his commanding position of Question-Master in the BBC's popular parlour-game programme 'Twenty Questions'. Richard Dimbleby, who has been acting for him in his absence, once more takes his place in the programme with Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, and Jack Train.
General Overseas: Wednesday, 11.15 a.m.

Sunday, April 3.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
11.15 PERCIVAL MACKEY and his Orchestra.
P.M.
12.30 MUSIC FROM GRAND HOTEL Palm Court Orchestra Edith Lewin (mezzo-soprano).
1.30 SPORTS REVIEW A report on yesterday's main events.
2.10 THE RADIO DOCTOR.

B.B.C. Highlights

2.15 'TIME FOR WORSHIP' from a London studio, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald O. Soper.
4.30 SUNDAY SERVICE from St. Paul's Cathedral, London, conducted by the Rev. Minor Canon G. E. Sage, Succentor of St. Paul's Cathedral.
6.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER.
7.10 NEWS ANALYSIS.
7.15 'NIGHTS AT THE OPERA'.
8.15 'TAKE IT FROM HERE' Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley, Jimmy Edwards, Wallis Eaton, Alan Dean, the Keynotes.
8.45 COLONIAL QUESTIONS.
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 'MUSICAL MEMORIES' Melachro and his Concert Orchestra.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 'BRITISH CONCERT HALL' CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted and presented by George Weldon Aristophanic Suite: 'The Wasps' Overture; First Entr'acte; March Past of the Kitchen Utensils. Vaughan Williams Symphony No. 102 in B flat. Haydn Tintagel.

Monday, April 4.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'TIP-TOP TUNES' Geraldo and his Orchestra.
10.30 Joyce Grenfell and George Benson in 'A NOTE WITH MUSIC'.
P.M.
12.30 'MUSIC OF THE FOOTLIGHTS' From Gilbert and Sullivan to the Present Day with Mark Lubbock and his Orchestra and the George Mitchell Choir Narrator: W. Macquenn Pope.

2.15 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
4.00 'THE SMALL HOUSE AT AL-LINGTON' by Anthony Trollope. Episode 10.
4.30 'HAVE A GO!' The Quiz visits Bethesda, a Slate-Quarrying Town in North Wales.
5.00 James McKechnie in 'THE TRIAL AND EXECUTION OF CHARLES I' Script by Hugh Ross Williamson. Edited and produced by Robert Gittings.

7.15 SCOTTISH VARIETY ORCHESTRA.
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING' A talk from the BBC Home Services.
8.15 'CONCERT HOUR' The Kathleen Merritt Orchestra Conductor: Kathleen Merritt Margaret Good (piano) Minuet from 'Berenice'.....Handel Concertino for piano and strings.....

9.10 'HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN'.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 Eric Barker in 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
11.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.

Tuesday, April 5

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.00 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 SCIENCE REVIEW.
9.30 Naughton Wayne and Basil Radford in 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME' Comedy thriller by Max Kester. Final episode: 'Money to Burn'.

10.30 'OUR KIND OF MUSIC' sung by Sam Browne and Carole Carr, with Arthur Young and Mary McLeod at the pianos.
10.45 'COMMONWEALTH AND EMPIRE'.
P.M.
12.30 'VARIETY BANDBOX' with Jack Watson, the Lutton Girls' Choir, Peter Brough, Reggie Dennis, Joe Church, Jerry Allen, Tony Payne and David Evans, and Sonny Farrar.

2.15 'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE' BBC Variety Orchestra Conductor: Rae Jenkins with Archie Camden (bassoon) and Victoria Sladen (soprano).
4.00 'MARCHING WITH THE REME' Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Conductor: Captain D. J. Plater.

5.00 'FROM THE THIRD PROGRAMME' 'On Wenlock Edge' Song-cycle by Vaughan Williams sung by Peter Pears (tenor) with the Aeolian String Quartet and Joan Davies (piano) and Rubbra's Symphony No. 5 played by the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conductor, Sir Adrian Boult.
6.00 AMERICAN LETTER by Alastair Cooke.
6.15 BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conducted by Sir Adrian Boult Symphony.....Walton
8.15 'VARIETY CALLS THE TUNE' BBC Variety Orchestra John Cockerill (harp) Marjorie Thomas (contralto).
9.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
9.15 'RING UP THE CURTAIN' BBC Theatre Orchestra, conductor, Walter Goehr, in a programme of Ballet Music of Falla, Mozart, and Bliss.

10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
11.15 'BOOKS TO READ'.
11.30 FILM REVIEW by Roger Mannell.
11.45 REPORT FROM BRITAIN.

Wednesday, April 6.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE MARSH'.
10.00 'THE STORYTELLER' 'The Three Hostages', by John Buchan, first of eight episodes, read by Arthur Bush.
11.15 'TWENTY QUESTIONS' Anona Winn, Daphne Padel, Jack Train, and Richard Dimbleby, who ask all the questions, and Stewart MacPherson who knows (almost) all the answers.
P.M.
4.00 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE MARSH'.
4.30 'RESEARCH AND DISCOVERY'.
5.00 'CONCERTO' A series of weekly programmes Dvorak's Violoncello B minor (Op. 104) played by Thelma Reiss, and the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra, conductor, Rudolf Schwarz. Programme also includes: Mozart's Overture: 'Marriage of Figaro'; Smetana's Tone Poem: 'Vltava'; from the Cycle, 'My Country'.

6.15 'LISTENERS' CHOICE'.
7.15 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
7.45 'GENERALLY SPEAKING' 'The Next Five Years'.
8.15 BBC SCOTTISH ORCHESTRA Conducted by Robert Irving.
10.00 RADIO NEWSREEL.
10.15 'THE ARCADIAN' by Lionel Monckton and Howard Talbot sung by Jean Carpenter (soprano), Kathleen Coxon (contralto), Clifford Deri (baritone), Alec Allen (baritone), and Horace Kenney. BBC Midland Chorus. BBC Midland Light Orchestra, conducted by Gilbert Vinter. Story told by Peter Wilde.

11.45 BALANCE OF EUROPE A weekly commentary by Andrew Shonfield, on the Recovery Programme.

Thursday, April 7.

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 Bebe Daniels, Vio Oliver, and Ben Lyon in 'Hi, GANG! 1949'—with Benny Lee, George Mitchell's Hi Gangsters. The Dance Orchestra conducted by Stanley Black.
P.M.
1.00 BBC MIDLAND LIGHT ORCHESTRA.
1.45 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
2.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
3.15 BBC VARIETY ORCHESTRA.
4.00 'IN BRITAIN NOW'—A National Magazine.

5.00 'MUCH - BINDING - IN - THE MARSH'.
5.30 'CONCERTO'—A series of weekly programmes Mozart's Piano Concerto in D minor, No. 20, played by Wight Henderson and the BBC Scottish Orchestra, conductor, Ian Whyte. Programme also includes: Mendelssohn's Overture: 'Fingal's Cave'; Stanford's Irish Rhapsody No. 1 in D minor; Ian Whyte's Eight-some Reel.
Saturday, April 9.
GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE
A.M.
9.30 'WATERLOGGED SPA'.
10.00 SCOTTISH VARIETY ORCHESTRA.
10.30 ORCHESTRAL MUSIC OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.
P.M.
12.30 LISTENERS' CHOICE.
2.10 HOME NEWS FROM BRITAIN.
3.00 'HAVING A WONDERFUL CRIME'.
5.00 MICHAELLOFF—and his Mazurka Orchestra.
5.30 'OPERA'—'The Italian Singer', an illustrated talk by Arthur Langford
6.00 BBC NORTHERN ORCHESTRA—Conductor: Charles Groves.
7.10 NEWS ANALYSIS.
7.15 ORCHESTRAL MUSIC OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.
8.15 MANTOVANI AND HIS ORCHESTRA.
9.15 RADIO NEWSREEL.
9.30 SATURDAY SPORT—including a commentary on Association Football: England v. Scotland at Wembley. Commentators: Raymond Glendinning and Sandy Munro.

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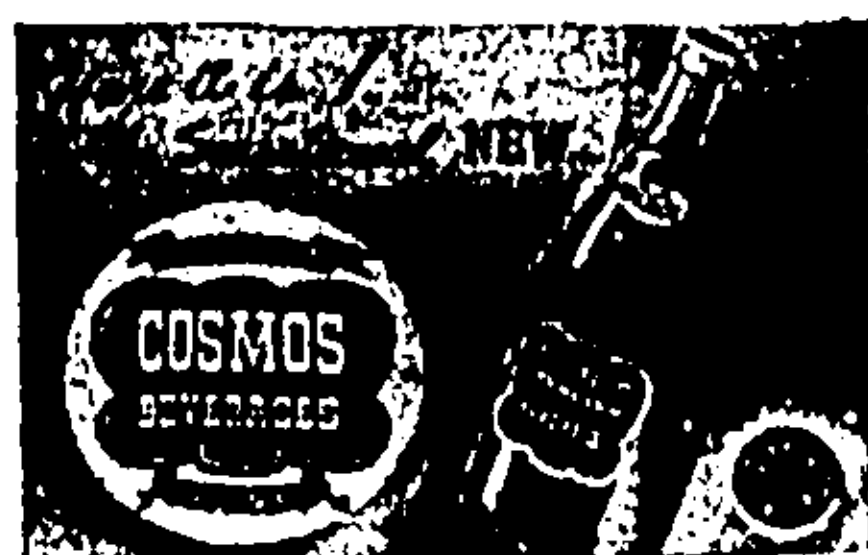
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Lane Norcott

Who'll buy our lovely austerity?

Now that the famous old Cries of London have departed for ever and the voice of the hoggish man (among many others) is no longer heard chanting his melodious refrain of "Who'll buy my lovely, fair hoggish? Fine feathered hoggish, all tasty and crisp!" is not the time ripe to introduce some characteristic new Cries of London? Frankly, we think so, Ellnor.

For instance, what could be more typical of the age we live in than the occupational cry of the London waiter as he rushes hither and thither with his pencil, shouting sadly: "Beef's off! Mutton's off! Cod's off! Steu's off! Vienna steak only and NO cheese!"

And consider, Ellnor, this heart-rending cry, so appropriate for the modern tobaccoist:

"If I had some you would buy them, Your would buy my fine Virginias! But you can't, see! Sold my quota! Stay ones only! Make you choke!"

Nor, child, do we think that a special little street night-cry for a policeman could fail to please. Something forbidding and charmed in a minor key, like this:

"One hour to midnight and all's dreary!"

LIGHTS OUT!

No night resorts permitted! No bottle parties allowed! No loitering tolerated!

LIGHTS OUT!

Home to bed, directed citizens! Bed by order! Off to bed! Fun now strictly prohibited! No gaily sanctioned! LIGHTS OUT! LIGHTS OUT! Good-night to one and all from Nanny State!"

Few rich Americans, we fancy, would be able to resist hearing these characteristic new Cries of London just once before moving on to gayer foreign cities.

Pour la femme enchantante

Paris, Solr.
Who should I meet in the Gare du Nord yesterday (write Cretinette) but that hulking great Frou-Frou of the Daily Worker, who not so long ago was an outside porter in Bootle. He had come over to report the collections for his readers.

Frou-Frou told me in confidence that Dior is tired of the female figure and intends to change it in the near future. Hips are to cant inwards, giving a more plastic appearance to the midriff, and the knee-caps are to be blunted and placed lower down on the shins.

Dior is in two minds if he will abolish the bust completely or merely remodel it to suit himself. However, he has consented to receive a deputation of milliners next Tuesday, who will beg him to leave it alone, at least for the time being.

So much for Dame Fashion. Wealthy Americans in their thousands are now flocking to Joe's Hot Eats in the Rue Pigalle, but the only celebrity I could recognise when I dropped in for an earlyiffin at dawn was Madame Zuchtoff, of Ye Daintie Gown Shoppe in Wardour-street, whose brittle, old face has been lifted so often that her knees now stick out of her bodice.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1949.

Over to You

NEWS QUIZ

1. Chinese Communist forces have occupied a strategic island in the Pacific, formerly a Japanese base. Its name and situation?
2. Chiang Kai-shek was reported during the week to be preparing to leave his birthplace, Chikow, for a destination in South China. Where is he said to be going?
3. The U.S. has refused entry visas to four Britons, among them a famous novelist. Who is he and what is his best-known novel?
4. The second of Hong Kong's "war games" starts at midnight tonight. The first one was named "Operation Fultum." What is this week's operation called?
5. Who is the prominent United States naval officer now on a visit to Hong Kong?
6. Who is the Far Eastern leader who has called for a Pacific alliance on the lines of the Atlantic Pact?

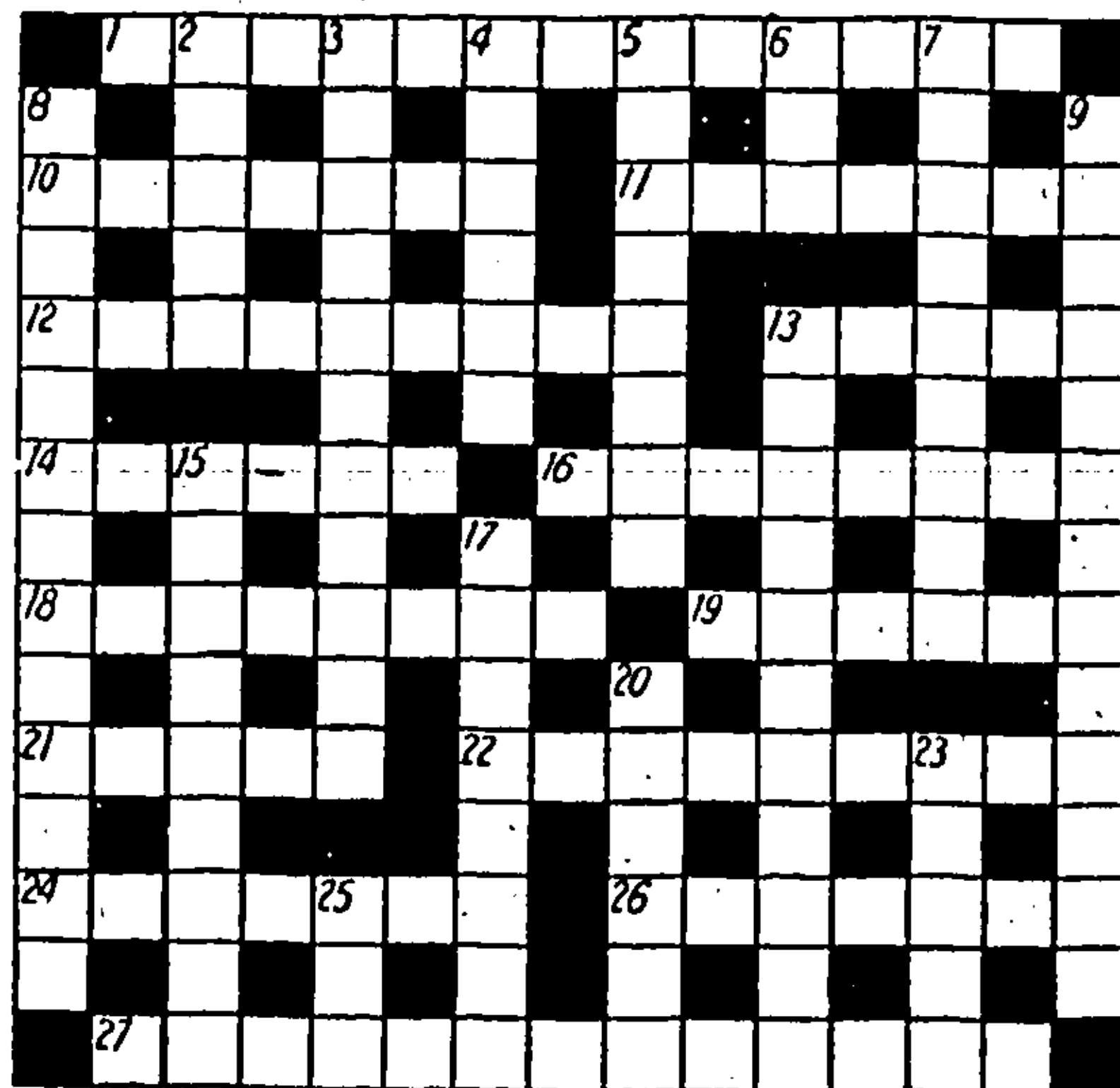
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GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. When did Britain and the United States announce jointly the abrogation of their extraterritorial rights and privileges in China?
2. Why is 'Boundary Street, on the mainland, so named?
3. Britain is one of two countries whose King is named George. What is the other?
4. Siam is also called Muang Tai, which, being translated, means what?
5. Where was the first Republic of China proclaimed? (No, the answer is not Canton).
6. "Tell that to the Marines—the sailors won't believe it" is an old saying whose authorship is unknown but it was used both by Scott and Byron in—?

(Answers on Page 2)

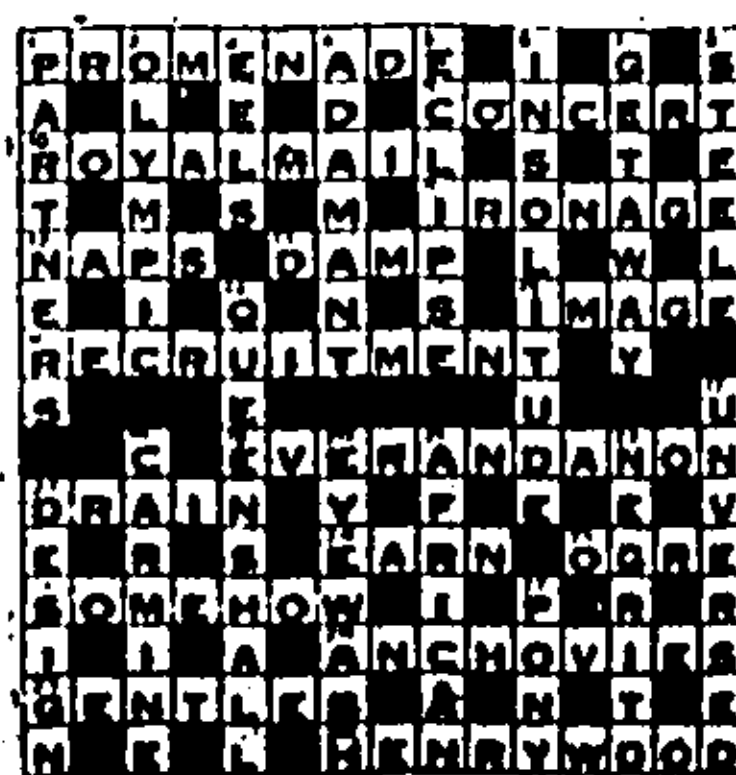
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Across

- 1 When you've had a shot, do you end up with this in the Law Courts? (9, 4)
- 10 His part here requires pluck. (7)
- 11 By no means shut in. (4, 3)
- 12 Thackeray's hero. (9)
- 13 Either way it is an alternative to nonsense. (5)
- 14 Condition of the minority. (6)
- 15 "— will fade away"
- 16 Meeting in the light of day. (8)

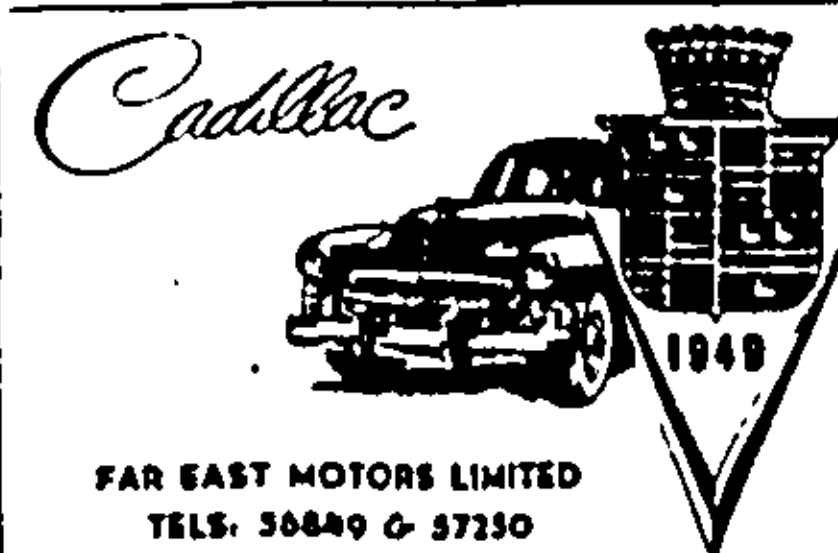
SOLUTION TO NO. 99



Down

- 18 From the people who are sent here you might suppose it to be an unsocial city. (8)
- 19 "And tell the other girls and boys Not to — with my toys" (R. L. S.). (6)
- 21 First-class 25—best Russian grade? (4)
- 22 Footing between steps. (9)
- 24 Material that gives spirit to Aries. (7)
- 26 American exit queue? (7)
- 27 Girls in the theatrical van. (7, 6)

- 2 The warrant carries no weight. (5)
- 3 Sort of aircraft that doubles up? (4)
- 4 10 in old India. (6)
- 5 Complaining gunmen after Aug. 12. (8)
- 6 A table game signal. (3)
- 7 Brachycephalic type just gives victory. (5, 4)
- 8 Meat ration and what one gets back after paying for it? (4, 3, 6)
- 9 16 of this arrival is comically indicated. (6, 7)
- 13 Gift hidden in a reed. (11)
- 15 Ravenous remark. (9)
- 17 He no longer serves slavishly. (8)
- 20 How travelling players used to go through the countryside. (6)
- 23 First name of Negus. (5)
- 25 Light check to any advance. (3)



BRIDGE

The first stage of the European international matches, to find the best team to represent this country, has ended. Three teams played in these matches. Team A beat B by 20 points; B beat C by 50 points, a more convincing victory. From these two results we would expect A to beat C by a decisive margin, but the actual result (12 points to A) was indecisive.

The selectors have now to analyze the records of all the hands played and in addition have to be guided by the criticisms of co-opted experts, who also witnessed the matches, in order to discover and eliminate weak elements from their selected team. Last year's European champion team, which received a bye in this first stage, will then have to play the committee's selected team.

Last year's grueling trials paved the way for our championship success. Something similar is necessary this year to make sure that our representative team is fully trained. Those who watched the first stage of the trial matches saw much that could be improved by more intensive training. If the partnerships are to achieve a high degree of standardisation of bidding.

The bidding of some hands is very difficult to standardise. In one hand from the trial matches a contract in No-trumps seemed safest but both competing teams thought otherwise:

S 7 6	S K 8 5
R A 10 4	H J 7
D A J 4 2	D K Q 10
C A Q 8 3	C J 10 9 8 7

S A J 10 3	H K Q 8 3
D 8 6	D 9 7 5 3
C K 4 2	C 5

One team bid: North, One Diamond; South, One Heart; North, Two Clubs; South, Two No-trumps; North, Three Hearts; South, Five Diamonds. Result, 10 tricks only made. The other team bid: North, One Diamond; South, One Heart; North, Two Hearts; South, Four Hearts. Result, 10 tricks made. Personally, I should never have made some of these bids; it is all a matter of what views on standardisation a partnership takes.

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SHOULD A PARSON MEDDLE IN POLITICS?

The eccentricities of a notorious dignitary of the Church have called attention to an old question: whether the clergy should intervene in party politics.

If the Soviets were not very clever propagandists we might wonder that any educated man should come forward as the champion of a Government which in 30 years has murdered millions of innocent people, has established a reign of terror over nearly one quarter of the Old World, and has stigmatised belief in God as a noxious drug.

But no more need be said of this personal matter, which is not important.

'Meddling'

In 1790 Burke wrote: "Politics and the pulpit are terms which have little agreement. No sound ought to be heard in the church but the healing voice of Christian charity. The cause of civil liberty and civil government gains as little as that of religion by this confusion of duties."

"Those who put their proper character to assume what does not belong to them are for the greater part ignorant both of the character they assume. Wholly unacquainted with the world in which they are so fond of meddling, and inexperienced in all the affairs on which they pronounce with so much confidence, they have nothing of politics but the passions they excite."

The ambitious political churchman is still with us. To back the winning horse is good business on the one hand, but it is bad business for the Christian, for whom "the world" is always the enemy. "Power is always abused," we have been told, it always has been and always will be.

But the question cannot be answered quite so simply. Of course, a man ought not to talk or write on subjects to which he knows nothing. That applies to laymen as well as to clerics.

Chief Vice

But if a man has something to say which is worth saying, he ought not to be deterred from saying it because he is in Orders. A clergyman is a citizen. As such, it is his duty to know something of public affairs, and, if he has decided opinions based on adequate knowledge, there is

no reason why he should not try to persuade others that he is right. But what Burke says is just: parsons are seldom well qualified to judge in controverted questions of politics and economics. They have their own duties to attend to.

There are, however, questions which may easily become political, and on which the representatives of religion ought to speak. Nobody now thinks slavery justifiable, but the record of the Churches in urging its abolition is not a good one.

Drunkness is not now a national vice, but it was once. In the first half of the 19th century gin nearly ruined England. The remedy was taxation; the Church would have been quite justified in agitating for a high duty on spirits.

At present our chief vice is betting and gambling. This also might be checked by Government action. In the earlier period of the industrial revolution there were scandals connected with child labour and sweating.

Charles Kingsley and his friends tried to arouse the conscience of the nation. They were not then backing the winning side.

There are other questions, half moral and half political. Ought the clergy to be active pacifists? If they believe that Christianity is absolutely opposed to war? They may speak and write against war, but they must not encourage mutiny or desertion in war-time, or plead the cause of their country's enemies.

In matters of sex the clergy were probably right in supporting the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts and the raising of the age of consent. In resisting the Deceased Wife's Sister Act they were actuated by the Old Testament, which in such matters does not bind Christians.

Most of us, I think, now realise that since the average duration of life has been doubled in the past 100 years, the order to "be fruitful and multiply," issued when there were only two persons in the world, is no longer

applicable. But abortion, except for medical reasons, should not be permitted.

Cruelty A Sin

A Minister of religion, though not easily in the Anglican Church, may allow of remarriage after divorce, but he could never consent to the American Judge Lindsay's "trial trips."

Another subject on which the conscience of the nation ought to find expression is cruelty to animals. The Church has hitherto been shamefully silent about this, but there is no reason why it should be so now. As far as I know, cruelty has never had a place among the seven deadly sins. For us it is perhaps the deadliest sin of all.

Some no doubt will argue that if persons were right in protesting against the ill-treatment of animals, they are equally justified in doing the same now.

But can anyone maintain that the rich are now "grinding the faces of the poor"? The upper and middle classes are being "liquidated," as the Communists say. Is it not a little mean to reproach the victims of a social revolution with the sins of their grandfathers?

No Church Vote

But the real question is this: Some of our leaders in the Church—I may perhaps mention the respected name of the late Archbishop of Canterbury—seemed sometimes to speak not for themselves but in the name of the Church, although they knew that many high-minded men, as good Christians as themselves, did not agree with them.

There is an obvious temptation to make the Church speak with one voice. In America, and to a less extent at home, there are a Roman Catholic vote, an Irish vote, a Jewish vote, which no politician can entirely ignore. There used to be a Nonconformist vote in England. But there is no Church vote.

Although the bodies mentioned in England numerically insignificant, they can threaten candidates for Parliament, and we cannot. There is no Church vote. At the time of the general strike the Roman Cardinal declared that "this strike is a sin; Catholics must not support it." Our bishops dared not say a word. What William Temple would have said if he had been in the position of the Cardinal may be doubted.

Personally I am very thankful that there is no Church vote. The Church of England has no interests except the highest welfare of the people of England, and we know well that we do not all think alike.

A good Christian may be a Conservative or a Liberal or a Socialist, and he ought to vote according to his convictions uninfluenced by any authority. He may be a Conservative or a Liberal or a Socialist; he can hardly be a Communist.

'Natural Right'

For not only has Communism repudiated religion in any form, but it denies the right to private property, which has always been recognised by the Catholic Church and is affirmed in the Anglican Articles of Religion. There are "natural rights" to life, liberty, and property honestly come by. All, of course, may be forfeited by misuse.

The Church of England claims to represent the nation on its religious side. We are an illogical people, and none the worse for being so, and there is one thing that we will not give up, namely, the right to think for ourselves and act accordingly. We will not be dictated to, even by an excellent archbishop. In a word, clergymen may have and ought to have politics; the Church has none. And if there is one type of parson whom I do not respect it is the court chaplains of King Demos.

Food From The Far Antarctic

From ALAN HARDCASTLE

The world's briefest, most fiercely competitive, food harvest is being gathered in the Southern seas. Eighteen whaling factory ships, British, Norwegian, American, Argentinian, Russian and Japanese, with between them, nearly 200 speed chasers built for the one purpose of killing fast, are working against time and each other to grab the lion's share of whale wealth from the Antarctic.

It is not only that the Antarctic summer is so short, before the ice marches northward again, but the terms under which they set out from their home ports late last year made it clear that the prizes go to those who work fastest.

Norway used to dominate the Antarctic whaling fisheries, but leading the way in equipment and completeness of preparation this year is the British team, with the 32,000 ton Balaena as flagship. She has space below for more than 20,000 tons of oil and whale meat and by-product, and she has scientifically designed equipment to get the last pound of return from the 70 foot whales her chasers will kill and bring to her cavernous, ramped bow maw. She carries radar and spotting planes.

A £50,000,000 Harvest

If the season is good—and with modern spotting equipment the chasers can hardly miss—the whale fleets will gather between them a £50,000,000 harvest, in oil for industry, meat meal for cattle, leather, fertiliser.

It is a very different business from the "whaling by international treaty"—as one authority condemned it—of the between-war years, when factory ships and chasers slaughtered for oil alone, regardless of waste and the certain extinction of Southern whales. As many as 50,000 were slaughtered in a single short season. Japan and Germany abided by no rules but their own.

Now, by international agreement, there has been a limit of 10,000 blue whales in post-war years; some species are wholly protected and nursing cows and calves are safe. Yet the competition is fiercer than ever.

This is so because the food prizes are higher than ever, and because, by the limiting international agreement, the race ends by a set date in April or as soon as the agreed upon aggregate catch is reached. So while the chase is on it is a case of all your holds while the going is good, and devil take the hindmost.

Japanese Share

Last year the Japanese, with far inferior equipment, under strict oversight against ruthless slaughter, took back to their country 50,000 tons of foodstuffs, but then the Japs are not too particularly choosy about food quality.

Whole men put the Balaena's likely contribution of well processed whale meat at perhaps 3,000 tons, besides the main harvest of 20,000 tons of high quality oil.

America Awakens To The Red Danger

One might say that when the Soviet Union switched Mr. Vishinsky for Mr. Molotov, and moved Mr. Molotov out of sight behind a kind of opaque cloud, the entire Western world, and particularly the United States, jumped the way a patient in the dentist chair does when the dentist applies the rotary drill to an exposed nerve.

You should have seen the headlines in our papers.

We really should learn to be calm about the Russians, because we are going to have to live with them for a long time.

I doubt whether anybody in the entire Soviet Union gave a hoot when, last week, we exchanged Secretary of Defence James Forrestal for Louis Johnston, or that more than a couple of hundred thousand persons in the Union even knew who they were.

Proving The Rule

It is most certainly a sign of the times that with the exception of an odd kind of aviation achievement—a 5,300-mile non-stop hop of a light, single-engine plane which established the fact that if you want to fly from Honolulu to New Jersey with a 180 h.p. engine in 30 hours, at a total cost of 75 dollars for gasoline, it can be done—practically all of our interesting news of the last two weeks had to do in some form or other with Russians, Russia or Communists.

For instance, the FBI picked up a pair of beauties playing cloak and dagger up and down Manhattan Isle, which, as you know, is that part of Greater New York for which the Indians swindled us out of £8 worth of trinkets back in sixteen-something-or-other.

Vicious Circles

Beginning way up near the top of the island, a Russian United Nations minor official named Gubitchev made contact with a girl employed in our Justice Department doing highly confidential work.

She was Judith Coplan, an American college graduate and an honour student, who, if we may believe the prosecution story, first became involved in the attempted betrayal of her country and then got caught at it.

According to this story both parties, unaware that they had an FBI tail on them, went through the usual spy drama rignarole of not recognising one another, taking a subway, then an elevated line, changing to another subway, crisscrossing the town and doubling back on their tracks until finally, on a bus on Third Avenue in the downtown section, Miss Coplan passed the papers to Mr. Gubitchev.

At which point surprise, surprise. The FBI agents stepped in, collared them both and took them away to waiting dungeons. The papers handed by the American girl to her Russian counterpart contained false information carefully planted by our counter-espionage boys weeks and months ago.

Mr. Gubitchev, being a UN boy, thinks he is going to get diplomatic immunity. But the U.S. Government, which is holding him on 100,000 dollars, thinks he has another think coming.

Incidentally, this episode makes this charge by a member of Congress, that the Soviet Union was merely using the United Nations to introduce spies into America, look pretty good.

Tit For Tat

In the meantime the U.S. really seems to have awakened to the fact that if it is to play the international diplomatic game which it appears it must, willy-nilly, then we ought to have the equipment for it, namely, an intelligence to spy system at least the equal of those employed by our friends, neighbours and former allies.

Without publicity and debate the House of Representatives has passed a Bill designed to strengthen the new Central Intelligence Agency.

The only clause of this Bill made public is the one that refers to the bounty of sanctuary in the U.S.A. held out to 100 aliens a year who may have interesting things to whisper into the ear of Uncle Sam.

Social Outcasts

It is not a particularly pretty business, but since, as last week's Spy pinch indicates, our Russian friends do not hesitate to corrupt an American girl into delivering her country's secrets, we had best get around to finding out how they do it.

staunchly Russian behaves in the face of temptation. It is a strange thing, by the way, the length of time it has taken the American to overcome a certain attitude on the subject of spies and spying.

This dates back to early school days, where, as I remember, one was taught, or at least came away with the impression, that there was something dishonourable about spying and that spies who were caught were invariably shot and good riddance to them.

All I know is that when we were kids and playing war everybody wanted to be a General or a Captain, but nobody wanted to be a spy.

It may have been that what our teachers were saying was that it was dishonourable when somebody else spied upon us, but that isn't my recollection.

I think there was an appreciation of the fact that sneaking behind the enemy's lines and sending back long, chatty letters written in invisible ink on digestible paper had to be done from time to time, but what came through was the idea that the people who did it weren't very nice.

We did a fair job in the last war, I am told, but immediately after the show was over junked our entire cloak-and-dagger department as something so nice kind nation would want to have around. Well, we are learning.

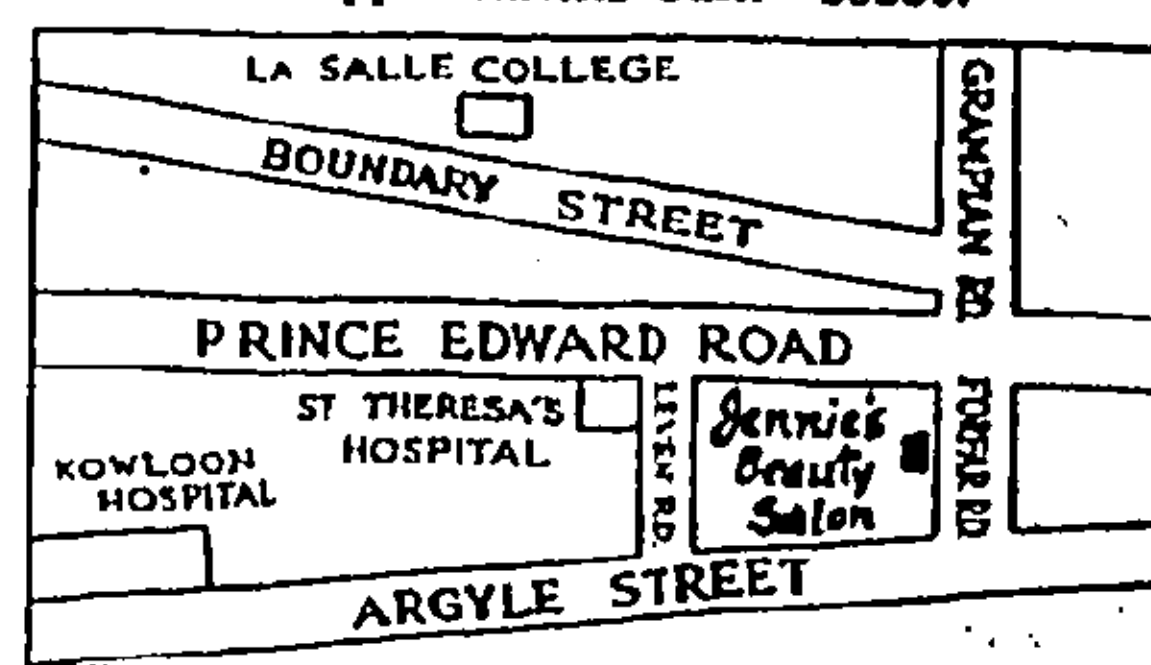


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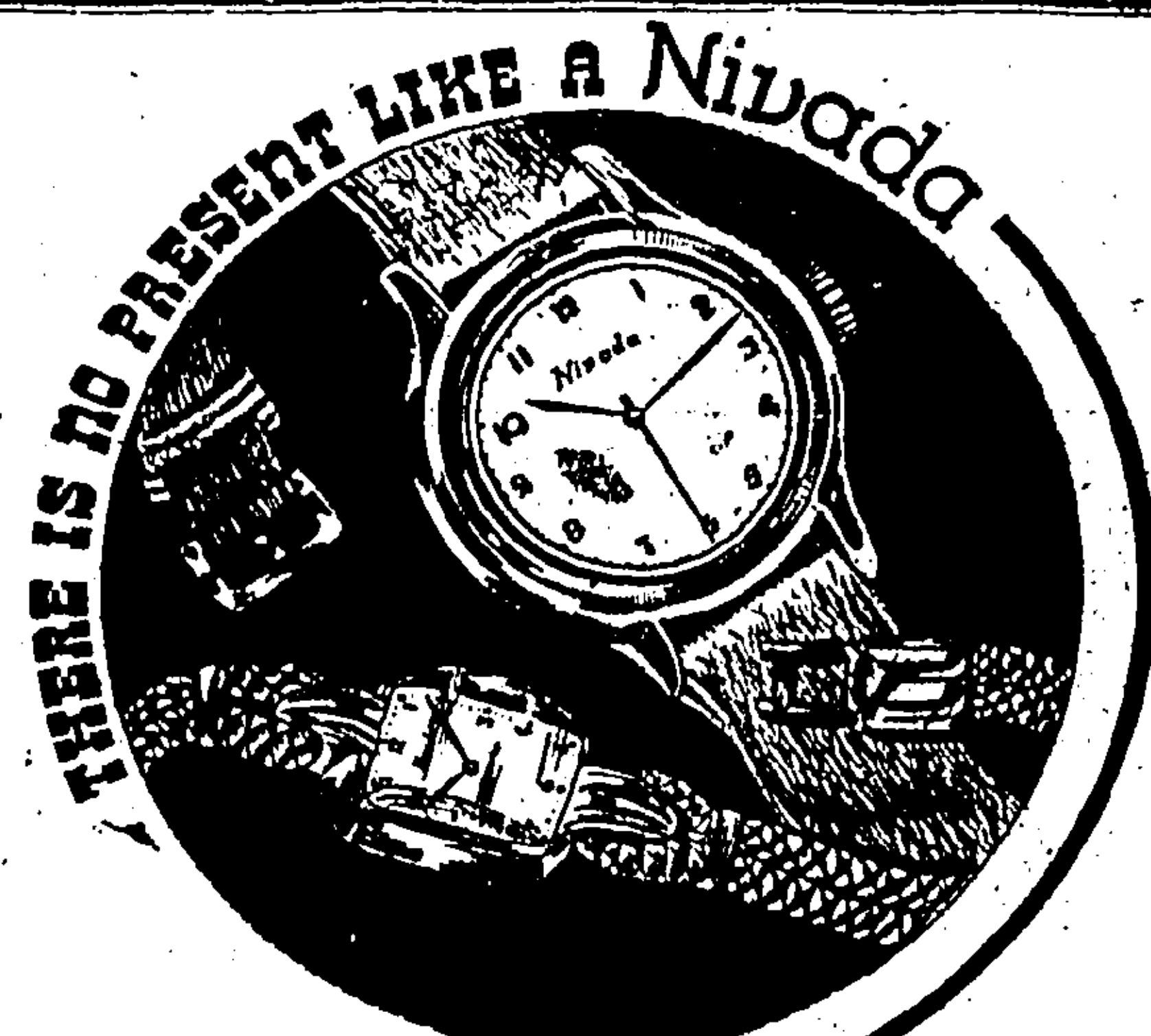
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**COMMENTARY BY
IRIS ASHLEY**

Here you see some selected models from the spring collections of the famous Paris dress designers.

These models were specially chosen because they illustrate clearly the newest fashion lines running through all the Paris collections. Under each drawing is the name of the designer.

Let me explain how these clothes—so remote at first glance—will find their way into your lives. Or, if not the exact models, how the newest fashion points from them will be translated into a modified version and sold throughout the country.

For instance, a well-known Oxford-street store held a dress show early this week for what they termed the "moderate income." The complete referred many times to similarities such as the wide use of the classic navy-and-white "as seen in Paris this spring."

The first model was a navy wool dress and jacket, trimmed with white pique. The jacket was short and flared at the back like the one you see here from Jacques Fath.

The same show had a beach outfit with a small, coolie-shaped coat, and this new outline was carried out in fur too, in both fur lamb and minkish short jackets at quite reasonable prices.

Jean Dessès' "cone" skirt made its appearance on a white rayon dress with large red appliques. In addition to this kind of enterprising effort there are wholesale manufacturers who have bought French models outright. These they will copy (or modify where necessary) to be sold at ceiling prices through department stores everywhere.

A bouquet goes from this department to one wholesaler especially. His own designs were so well in line with the Paris dress houses that he was able to give a show at a Regent-street store only one week after the Paris showings.

He had thought up his own version of the Balmain "dancing dress" pictured at the top right of this column. And in consequence his really up-to-the-minute summer models will be in the shops—at ceiling prices—almost immediately.

RECIPE

Cheese Loaf

8 oz. self-raising flour, pinch of celery salt, 1 oz. shortening, pinch of cayenne, 1 cup grated cheese, 1 egg, 1/2 cup milk.
Sift together the flour, celery salt and cayenne. Rub in the shortening with the tips of the fingers. Add the cheese and mix well. Beat the egg until foamy and add the milk. Add sufficient liquid to the dry ingredients to make into a soft dough. Place in a well-greased loaf tin and bake in a moderate oven, temperature 375 deg. F. gas, 450 deg. F. electric, about three-quarters of an hour.

GAIETY AT YOUR FEET

Variety was the keynote of Britain's 40th Shoe and Leather Fair, which recently attracted large numbers of home and overseas buyers to Olympia, London.

Apart from the beautifully tailored walking shoes in plain supple leathers for which Britain's designers are famous, there were sports shoes with the new "heavy" look and thick crepe soles; gaily coloured summer sandals for the street as well as for the seaside; town shoes showing variations of the classic court patterns and displaying the tendency to decorative open vamp.

Evening shoes in gilded or bronzed calf or reptile skin promise to be popular, and buyers were very interested in anklet shoes for afternoon wear, with the new slender heels and slim-fitted toes, many of which had delicate low cut vamps or were decorated with bold cut outs.

One firm is exporting a fine suede court shoe with a heart-shaped vamp, which has nine interchangeable different buckles or bow trimmings. But although ray colours were a feature of the show, at the Fair, these designed for formal occasions, were generally confined to more normal shades such as soft blues, greys, deep wines, or black. White was the only exception, since it is the one colour which offers a complete change from winter dullness and at the same time suggests dignity and formality.

Children's shoes in every colour of the rainbow provided some of the gayest exhibits. Like the adult shoes, they are made in three widths to each size, of flexible leather, and with extended heel to ensure correct balance.

Ann Temple Wants To Marry

My husband was a prisoner of war, and though now restored to health, is still different, restless, and I believe, unhappy. He is an intellectual, and I have tried desperately hard to keep up with new ideas so that I could give him the sort of companionship he needs. But the more I try the more he withdraws; the more is he shut up in himself, the more of a stranger does he become.—**DEFEATED.**

Think again about the "companionship he needs." The very last thing he wanted was for you to keep up with him intellectually. He was seeking an escape from the turmoil and conflict in his mind. It was quietness, stillness that he needed in companionship.

There is your answer still. Let go of the striving and keeping up. Don't try to reach him. Turn your efforts to making comfort for him in the home. If he talks, just let him talk—listen quietly—don't compete.

Pretence estranges him. If you can stop yourself worrying, pondering over him, and turn your thoughts to the domestic side of your lives, you will be helping him more than you know. The one sure guide I can give you is that more than anything in the world he needs peace.

I'm getting desperate about speed in my job. I am a good worker, but not quick. I am absolutely dependent on my own earnings, and I must find some way of working more quickly. I am considered intelligent and can do things, like reading sewing, knitting, speedily enough.—**SPIN.**

I'm in the dark not knowing what the job is. But for all I know, I work the making of a programme helps.

First, analyse all the details of the work and then write down how many minutes you can give to each process—including preparation. Work to it, and you will find where you lose speed. Discard anything not, absolutely essential.

Don't seek speed. That way it defeats you. But practise dexterity and concentration, and speed comes to you.

Can you explain why when my husband is going to a race meeting he rushes in, wants everything instantly at hand, the road clear—and flies out as though it were a case of life and death, informing others when he expects to return, but not me?—**HARRASSED WIFE.**

But, of course—he's going to win a fortune. It is most frightfully important. Everything must give way. Having one little spark of caution left, he doesn't tell you when he is returning. Too awful for you to see him going out like a lion and coming home like a lamb—fleece!

How does one become a dramatic critic? Are there openings and is the income good? What qualifications are necessary?

Any help you are able to give through your column will be greatly appreciated.—**L.**

One never becomes a critic—a good critic. Good critics are born. Criticism is a matter of flair and intuition. It cannot be taught.

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One Woman's Week MORE PARIS SECRETS

— And Something From Berlin

Around London With
Patricia Lennard

What really interests me this week is the tantalising stream of high-quality goods coming back on the home market.

One kind of furniture made on the unit principle, for example, is less than half the price it was a year or two ago.

And in many stores there are incomplete sets of export china—"rejects," they are called, but if I knew my shopping they are a pre-view of post-Budget stock.

At the auctions and in second-hand shops furniture prices have been falling steadily since Christmas.

An auctioneer friend of mine quotes an antique walnut chest of drawers inland with a flower design: "It was sticking at £45 four months ago. We marked it down to £25 at Christmas, and we have only just sold it for £13 10s."

Spring Fever

Spring in Mayfair is here with three ideas at luxury level, which I predict, will be developed less expensively as they catch on.

First, petal hats—close-fitting and made from fabric petals of different flowers—chrysanthemum, petal hat (in white pique), hydrangea petal hat (pure silk) rose petal hat (nylon).

Bond-street jewellers are reviving a 40-year-old fashion: flexible wedding rings. Costing around £7 10s. each, they are made of gold mesh, bracelets and necklaces to match are about £38 each.

What's Cooking?

Have you tried grating an onion into baked rice, dished up instead of baked potatoes?

Wash three tablespoonfuls of rice and place in casserole dish. Grate in a fairly big onion, add two cupfuls of water, an ounce of any fat you can spare and carefully before deciding the office is cramping your potential.

dish and bake in a medium oven, adding more water as the rice swells.

Strapless

From the enthusiasm women display rushing into strapless or off-the-shoulder evening dresses at the drop of a shoulder strap, I am surprised that corsetry manufacturers have not made the underpinnings for cheaper than the one, or in colours other than the inevitable blotting-paper pink.

A really good strapless bra-siere, for example, either boned or wired, brief or waist-deep, is anything between £3 and £5. Cheaper models give a very sad silhouette indeed.

Model Patience

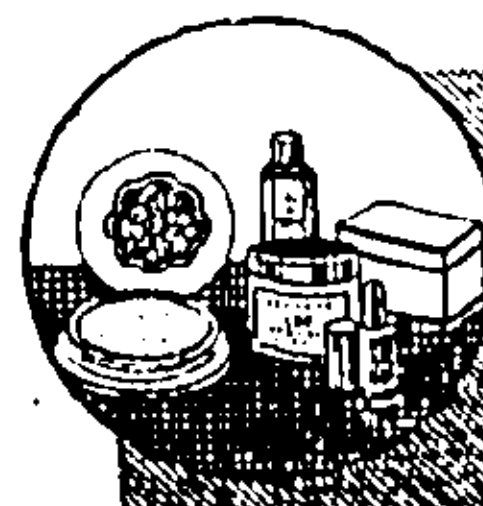
Judging from my post last week, half the female population of Britain between the ages of 17 and 25 want to be models.

For those who really would like to be one, a few basic essentials must be understood: A girl must be slim, but not skinny, about 5'4in. high, 24in. waist (or under), and 34-35in. hips, height from 5ft 6in.

Only a dozen top models at any one time average a four-figure salary all the year round; the rest of the thousands earn anything from £5 to £16 a week, irregularly, and work like horses to rate the pay.

Many girls wrote to say they would "love to wear pretty clothes and meet lots of exciting people." Frankly, a model seems to spend half her working day stripping within 10 seconds behind a straight screen, and the other half smiling pleasantly under all kinds of difficulty to sell the clothes she wears.

Only one girl thought of mentioning "I think I would be suitable as a model as I am very patient." So, please, think carefully before deciding the office is cramping your potential.



At Your Fingertips
By VICTOR MAMAK

"Dear Mr. Mamak, I have followed with avid interest your weekly column in the "Sunday Herald", and I am writing in to ask you if you can help solve my problem.

For a number of years I suffered from Acne and, although the "pimple period" is now over and I haven't had any pimples for the last six years, they have left their mark on my face in the form of extremely enlarged, deep and ugly looking pores.

If your wizardry can suggest some truly reliable cure for this condition, I shall be ever so grateful. I am 33 and unmarried." B.J.

Victims of Acne are often left with their skin in an ugly disposition, unless it is treated in its early stage, and the temptation to pinch, pick and press the pimples is thoroughly resisted.

The only "truly reliable cure" for such a condition is plastic surgery which, unfortunately, is not available in this colony.

However, temporary contraction of the pores can be affected by the application of ice, followed by some reliable astringent (ice cold), and then by clever use of a cream or cake make-up of a warmer shade, you may help your skin appear smoother to a certain extent—at least, improved.

You must also remember that a skin with enlarged pores, as in your case, requires a more thorough cleansing with a reliable cleansing cream, followed by soap and water. The use of a complexion brush is also highly recommended, in order to ensure that the pores are never allowed to be blocked with dust, grime or make-up.

Your voluntary and outspoken "33 and unmarried" indicates that you are inclined to attribute your splinterhood to the present poor state of your facial skin. I feel that this impression needs correction. If only beautiful women made marriages, then we would see a mighty lot of bachelors. Always remember that what a woman lacks in beauty, she



New suits by Marcel Rochas of Paris. Left: a check wool jacket worn over a navy woollen skirt. Large pockets extend below the hem of the jacket. Right: The coat of turquoise wool matches a pale blue skirt. Neither jacket has any shaping at the waist.—A.P. Photo.



A plain, off the shoulder evening gown in white silk was worn with a stole of fire-red moire at a spring fashion show in Berlin.



A dramatic evening gown by Balmain of Paris in draped white jersey with long black taffeta stole.

can always make up in charm. She can cultivate a pleasing personality, develop a sense of humour, and charming manners, and can thus make herself more attractive to most men than any woman, with chiselled features and form of a Grecian goddess, who chews gum.



"Dear Mr. Mamak, I have been reading your column in the "Sunday Herald"

lately and I have ventured to ask what should I do for a shiny nose. I have been trying not to have my nose look so "glossy" but in vain. I shall be much obliged if you can help.

J.W. (TEEN-AGER)

Why don't you like to shine in public? However, if your mother permits, you may use a bit of cake make-up on your nose after an application of a mild skin freshener. But make sure that the shade of the cake make-up matches your natural skin tone. Powder can help too, but cake make-up will be more lasting.

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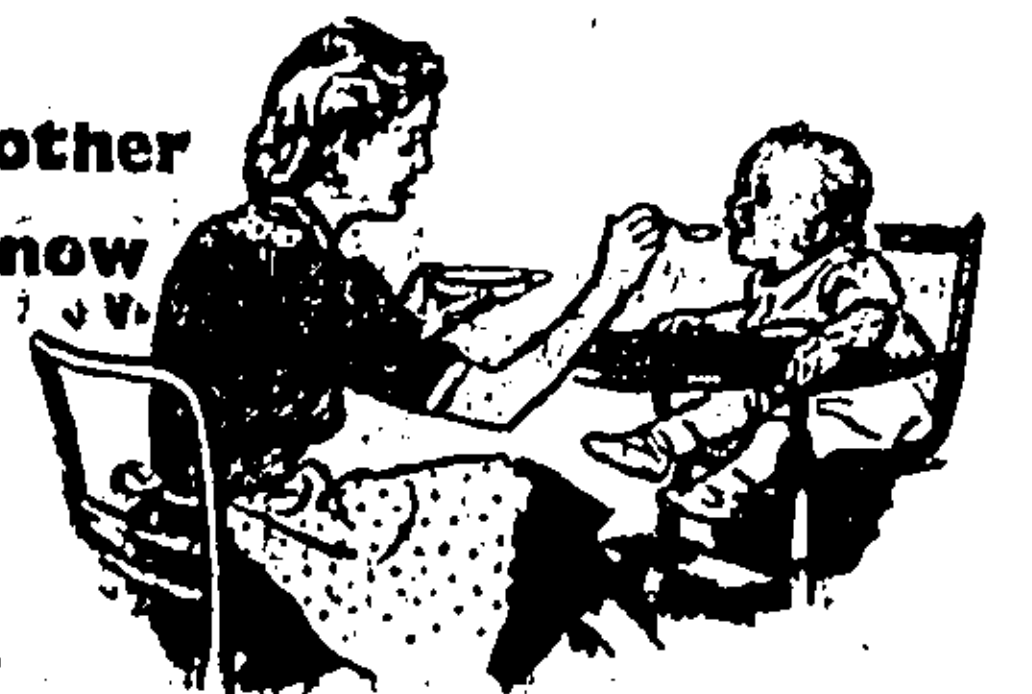
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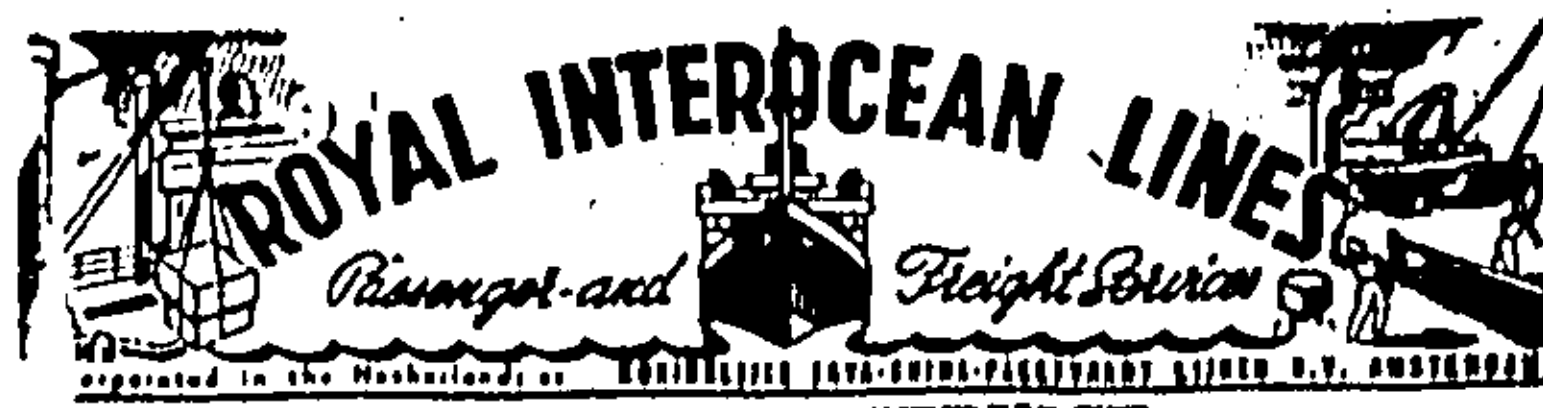
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New York, March 26.
Stock market prices dipped slightly yesterday, but closing prices were a trifle above the lows for the day in many cases. The setback followed a two-day advance. Turn-over was around 650,000 shares.

Peacocks reached a new 1949 high, then slipped fractionally. Other lower included Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Standard Oil of New Jersey, International Paper, Douglas Aircraft, Chrysler, United States Steel and Republic Steel.

Moving against the trend were 20th Century-Fox, Consolidated Natural Gas and Air Reductions. Merchandise shares made a good showing with Montgomery Ward, Woolworth and J. C. Penney unchanged to slightly higher.

Dow Jones Averages:
Industrial 170.83; 15
Bills 47.28; 10 Utilities 35.50.

Closing quotations:
Adams Express 18
Alaska 31 1/2
American Can 40 1/2
American Smelting 40 1/2
American Telephone 14 1/2
American Tobacco 47 1/2
American Waterworks 15 1/2
Anaconda Copper 31 1/2
Aviation Corp. 6 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2
Barnhill 15 1/2
Dennis Aviation 34 1/2
Bethlehem Steel 31 1/2
Burlington 28 1/2
Coca-Cola 30 1/2
Canadian Pacific 12 1/2
J. I. Case 31 1/2
Chrysler 35 1/2
Colgate 31 1/2
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Coca-Cola 30 1/2
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General Electric 37 1/2
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CHINESE COMMUNISTS
IN INFLATION TANGLE

Shanghai, March 26.

Are the Communists being caught in China's roaring inflation? There is evidence to support the view. For several weeks after the fall of Peiping to the Reds, bank remittance to Peiping could be made at a favourable exchange rate.

That meant that Nationalist money, the gold yuan, could be paid into a Shanghai or Nanjing bank and the recipient in Peiping could draw against it an amount of Communist money that had more purchasing power than the amount deposited.

That is a happy situation but unfortunately somebody has to take up the slack. In this case it probably meant the Communist Government was paying out more than was received.

Without much warning last week bank remittances to Peiping were discontinued. The reasons were vague but it was rumoured that the exchange rate had been drastically revised downward.

A few days later it was announced here that remittances were possible again through five designated banks, all Chinese.

At A Loss

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SHANGHAI
FACING
COLLAPSE

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The Shanghai Federation of Chinese Industries, an organization of local factory owners, has appealed to the Premier, General Ho Ying-chin for drastic steps to avert industrial collapse in Shanghai.

The organization asked:
A refund on customs duty on China-made exports containing some duty-paid import material;
Loans to manufacturers for the import of raw materials to keep factories going;
A drive against speculative hoarders of raw materials;
Special allowance of cash notes to factories so that workers can cash pay cheques despite the present cash shortage.

Reduction of high interest rates and abolition of the commodity tax in kind;
Government aid in reviving trade with Communist North China.

The industrialists said Shanghai is facing a major crisis as a result of the tax in kind levy and high interest rates. They point out a 20 per cent drop in industrial power consumption in February.—Associated Press.

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Kowloon Court Brevities

Ten persons came before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday facing charges of being in possession of arms, robbery with offensive weapons, wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and receiving stolen property.

The defendants, alleged to be connected with the Diamond Hill grocery store robbery a few days ago, were remanded for 72 hours pending further investigations. DSI Taylor is in charge of the case.

A former Sanitary Department worker was convicted when he pleaded guilty to obtaining money under false pretences.

He was said to have posed as a sanitary department worker, producing papers to the effect, and asked for various amounts from residents in Pel Ho Street, to prevent their being summoned.

Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr and recommended to be deported.

Two RAF mess boys of Kai Tak, Li Ming-kyong and Sing Kiu, each received a sentence of four months' hard labour when they pleaded guilty to the larceny of foodstuffs from the airman's mess at Kai Tak.

They were arrested on Clearwater Bay Road by Corporals Campbell and O'Connell of the RAF who were on patrol.

A plea that she was suffering from tuberculosis and needed to smoke opium, did not save Chan Fung, a woman aged 40, from being sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment and a fine of \$500.

She was fined a total of \$500 or four weeks' by Mr. Blair-Kerr and discharged, on a count of keeping an opium den.

Inspector Evan prosecuted.

Unregistered Doctor Discharged

An unregistered doctor was arrested by the police on March 22, at his clinic at 2 Bowring Street, first floor.

30k Lai-shun, aged 40, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with practising medicine without being registered.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$500.

Detective Sub-Inspector Tyley said that police have also taken from defendant's clinic medical apparatus and drugs.

Mok was additionally charged with possessing poisonous drugs.

HKU Start Off Badly In Athletic Meeting

(By KIMBERLEY)

Hong Kong University ended disastrously the first day of the inter-varsity sports meet with Lingnam University of Canton, amassing a 20 point to 0 lead over the local students at Pokfulam yesterday.

The HKU undergraduates were literally swamped in both games decided yesterday afternoon. In the ping pong tournament, which initiated the meeting, HKU went down to an 8-1 defeat to be followed later on the football field with an 8-2 trouncing.

The poor weather yesterday saw an even poorer attendance at the meet but there was a conspicuous number of graduates at the pavilion to give much needed support to the old school.

After the first few games of ping pong there was little doubt that the Canton students would emerge victorious.

As it turned out, Hong Kong University only managed to squeeze in one game, and that, the last, when HKU's Yung Ming-keen prevented a love set defeat by edging Lingnam's Sam Po-fong in a game of 21-18.

The Lingnam boys had all the polish of table tennis players that the Hong Kong students didn't have.

Their aggressive tactics on the table forced the Hong Kong boys to the defensive from which they never emerged until the last game.

Most spectacular player in the room was Lingnam's Cheung Yui-kai, a left hander whose every return was a deadly and point smash against which the opposition never had a chance.

With victory in the ping pong tournament the visitors led with 10 points.

The football match started off evenly, and at first chances were quite high that Hong Kong University could even the score with a football victory.

Lingnam University were the first to score when from the opening whistle, the ball being passed to their right wing, Luk Chung-hon, whose dazzling speed netted the first goal.

Ten minutes later however, Hong Kong University were awarded a penalty kick and Wong Wing-kung made no mistake about that to equalize.

Blazes Away

Lingnam's Luk Chung-hon, receiving the ball after some minutes of play, blazed away again to net, bringing the score to two goals to one in Lingnam's favour.

His spectacular display of speed and inexhaustible energy was later to account for the four goals chalked up for Lingnam in his credit.

When the first half was over, Lingnam led by three goals to two, with Wong Wing-fun netting the second—ad the last—goal from an excellent pass off Xavier at the wing.

Thereafter Hong Kong University were through. Lingnam, the second half had the field all to themselves. Their surer forward combination, supported by a strong half line, proved too much to HKU who gave way to five more goals before the final whistle leaving the score at eight goals to two in Lingnam's favour.

Charged With Maintaining Radio Station

Chan Hap-man, aged 23, telephone operator of No. 240 Des Voeux Road West, second floor, was charged at Central yesterday with maintaining a radio-communication station without a licence.

Mr. F. C. Nigel pleaded not guilty on behalf of defendant, and Mr. Grey of the General Post Office prosecuted.

Sub-Inspector James Yung Kai, in evidence, said that on March 23, accompanied by Inspector Grey, a raid was carried out at No. 68 Morrison Hill Road, ground floor. He knocked at the door, and it was 10 minutes before they could gain admission.

Upon entering the hall, nine persons were found; defendant ran out from the bathroom and headed for the rear door, was stopped by the detectives.

The Sub-Inspector went on to say that he went into the bathroom, and found lots of torn papers thrown into the toilet. He picked them up and found them to be telegraphic messages.

Defendant said that the wireless transmitter was not there, and it was only a telephone operator on a salary of \$80 a month. Defendant further said that a message boy had just left the premises with a number of wireless messages.

At that moment, a telephone rang, and the inspector picked it up. He heard someone saying that No. 42 Lockhart Road had been raided by Inspector Gordon of the Special Branch, and "you had better move out right away." The inspector replied "all right."

The case was then adjourned to March 29 at 9.15 a.m.

Sentence For Having Ammunition

Lam Ho-chih, aged 26, was charged at Kowloon yesterday with possessing three rounds of .38 calibre ammunition.

He pleaded guilty and was fined \$250 or three months' imprisonment.

Detective Sub-Inspector Summers said that defendant was arrested at the Kowloon Railway station on Friday morning. Defendant said that he was a Chinese army officer attached to a radio station in Canton where he had permission to carry arms. He left Canton three days ago and forgotten to leave the ammunition there. He said he came to the Colony to meet a friend from whom he intended to borrow \$100.

Police found out that defendant was only a radio dealer.

The three rounds of ammunition were ordered to be confiscated.

Today's Sports

Soccer

FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v. Navy: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.;
Referee: A.E.P. Guest; Linmen: A. Lock and J. George.
RAF v. Kit Choo: Bockunpoo 4.30 p.m.;
Referee: Capt. Chinnell; Linmen: Sgt. Manson and Y.P. Mak.
Kwong Wah v. South China "B": Bockunpoo 4.30 p.m.;
Referee: J.D. Padell; Linmen: M. Richardson and W. Gilman.
St. Joseph's (bye).

SECOND DIVISION
Talker v. Kit Choo: Caroline Hill 5 p.m.;
Referee: A. Lock.
PCA v. KWH: Bockunpoo 5 p.m.;
Referee: Sgt. Manson.
University v. South China (cancelled).
Solicitors v. Eastern (cancelled).

Hockey

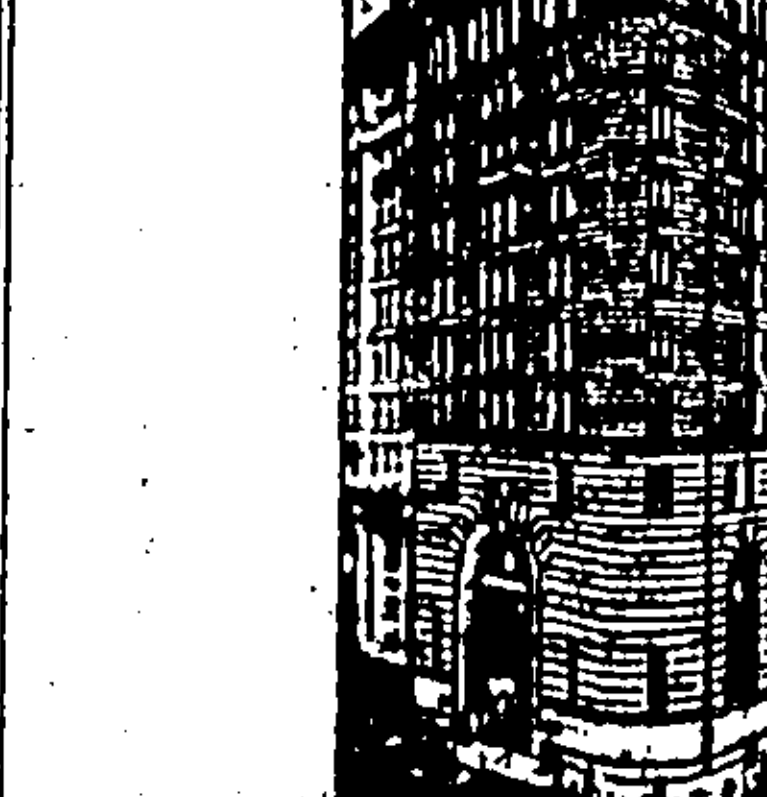
Club de Recreo v. RAF: King's Park, 10 a.m.;
Umpires: P.P. Xavier and Yee Sze Matheson.
HK Police v. Cable and Wireless: Boundary Street, 10 a.m.;
Umpires: S/Gdr. Paddy and J.H. Blinn.
Civil Service v. Army: Bockunpoo, 10 a.m.;
Umpires: G.T. Palmer and Yee Sze Matheson.
Dutch RC v. Khalsa: King's Park (RMHC 2), 10 a.m.;
Umpires: A.M. Silva and Mr. Duce.
Dockyard RC v. Navy: King's Park (RMHC 1), 10.30 a.m.;
Umpires: Capt. Chinnell and J.B. Gower.
University v. YMCA: Pokfulam Road, 10 a.m.;
Umpires: E.R.A. Miller and L.W. Morrison.

Cricket

Craigiepower v. RAF at Happy Valley, 1.45 p.m.
Inter-Hong: HK Bank v. Dowdell's at Chater Road, 11 a.m.
KCC v. F.F. Lawrence's XI at Cox's Road, 11 a.m.

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KCC Roll Up—3 p.m.



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